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Clinton: US must speed up momentum for peace

HILLEL KUTTLER and DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton said yesterday the US "must accelerate the momentum for peace," following the Israeli-Syrian agreement to resume talks here next week.

Also yesterday, former chief of general staff Ehud Barak told a Washington think-tank audience that a deadlock in Israeli-Syrian talks is liable to lead to a military confrontation between the two states.

Barak said Assad is wary of suffering the fate of the late Romanian dictator Nicolai Caucescau should he move carelessly on peace with Israel. Assad fears having "thousands" of Israelis descend on the Damascus souk, Barak told the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Speaking at the White House at the start of a state visit by Morocco's King Hassan, Clinton said the agreement to resume Israeli-Syrian negotiations "is a very encouraging development" that presents "a real opportunity to secure a durable resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Clinton said the US "cannot make a peace for the parties," but is working to "make our best case to both sides about what things will make them secure in making the decision [for peace]."

Clinton and Hassan were due to sign a trade agreement yesterday aimed at expanding economic ties between the two countries. Later in the day, the US's Overseas Private Investment Corporation also extended a $200 million loan guarantee for a $1.5 billion power plant to be built near Casablanca.

The two leaders also discussed the need to remove the Arab boycott of Israel. Hassan said following their meeting that there is "no doubt" Israeli-Syria progress toward peace "will certainly bring about a collective decision on the part of all of the members of the Arab League concerning the lifting of the boycott."

Sources say the key obstacle that delayed Secretary of State Warren Christopher's announcement for several hours on Tuesday that Israel-Syria talks would be restarted was a debate over defining the purpose of such negotiations on security arrangements between the two countries.

Telephone calls whizzed back and forth between Damascus and Jerusalem for several hours via the US Embassy in Tel Aviv to hammer out an accord.

According to Israeli sources, the center of controversy was a Syrian demand that the declared aim of negotiations on security arrangements be to obtain overall "equality" between Israel and Syria.

Syria believes that if Israel obtains better terms for one aspect of security arrangements, then Syria must be given an advantage in another security sphere. In short, Damascus wanted to be compensated for any security concession it made to Israel.

Damascus believed it was

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Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo is all choked up for Purim as he is greeted by the child of a municipality worker yesterday. 'Shushan Post' Purim supplement between Pages 7 and 8; rain expected on holiday, Page 12. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Ramon: Pension plans in trouble

LIAT COLLINS

MORE than half a million people are in danger of losing their pensions, unless the government takes action to save their pension plans, Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon warned the Knesset yesterday.

"The subject is being discussed. The government will not be apathetic," Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said in response.

At a later meeting between the Labor ministers and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, it was announced that pension plan members would not be allowed to suffer.

"We're talking about a serious crisis, which worries more than half a million people, who do not know whether they'll receive their pensions when they reach retirement age," said Ramon. "Today it's clear, beyond a doubt, that the Histadrut's pension funds will not be able to stand by their obligations to their members."

He promised that the Histadrut is no longer forcing employees to join its own funds, and said the Histadrut is negotiating with the Finance Ministry to find a solution. The only way to save the funds, he said, is government guarantees.

"According to the estimates of experts, the actuarial deficit amounts to some NIS 30 billion. This is a significant deficit and there is no way of dealing with it without government aid," Ramon said.

"The funds will operate a recovery program in return for state responsibility," he said, noting that this is the basis of the negotiations with the Finance Ministry.

He said he supports implementing this principle whereby any pension fund which joins the recovery program and operates accordingly would be guaranteed state help if it turned out that it could not pay its members.

Regarding new pension plan members, Ramon said the Histadrut believes there should be a "rational scale, but at the same time the Histadrut would fight the situation in which someone has to work 38 years to receive a 70 percent pension."

Ramon said the Histadrut is demanding a "safety net" for new members: "When we're talking about pensions there is no room for playing games. The pension [plan] must promise a 100% pension; the funds can be flexible with 2 percent either way, but there must be instructions on where to invest pension plan monies."

"We understand the situation and it's clear new rules have to be established," Shohat responded. "We must reach an agreement with the Histadrut, and that day is not far off. We're discussing it now. We have a limited timetable, but I don't know how it will end. In any event, the government will not be apathetic to the plight of pension plan members. At the same time, there will be new rules for *current and future members*."

At the Labor ministers' meeting, it was decided to ensure that members would not be harmed and that the government would take responsibility for the funds, including those with an actuarial deficit.

"We decided that the 650,000 members won't suffer in the future from this or that crisis, but that the government will ensure their pensions in some way for when they need them," party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli told reporters. "The Finance Minister and Justice Minister, possibly together with other professionals, will recommend the steps the government should take to carry out this promise."

The Association of Insurance Companies, meanwhile, criticized Ramon's demand that the government establish a "safety net" for the Histadrut's pension funds. Uzi Levy, chairman of the Association, said there is no justification for the government to discuss the proposal.

Levy said the compulsory pension proposal is similar to a hidden tax, and contradicts the government's plans for growth, privatization, and encouragement of investment.

Galit Lipkis Beck contributed to this report.

CPI up 0.2% for second straight month

JOSE ROSENFELD

FEBRUARY'S consumer price index rose 0.2 percent, as falling produce and clothing prices brought inflation down to Western levels. It was the second month in a row the index rose only 0.2%.

"As long as fruit and vegetable and clothing prices together contribute -0.5% to the index, we can say we have reached European inflation levels," said Capital Holdings' chief economist Jonathan Katz.

In the meantime, the index, excluding fruit and vegetable and clothing prices, jumped 0.7%, said Central Bureau of Statistics' price division director Rahamim Ozama. He noted that in the past two months, prices increased 1.8%, when produce and clothing prices are excluded. Otherwise, prices only rose 0.3%.

The Bank of Israel was quick to take credit for the moderate index, "seeing it as an additional indication that the Bank of Israel's firm policy in its fight against inflation has borne fruit," it said in a statement.

Without missing a beat, the bank made it clear the battle is not won and, consequently, that interest rates are not going to come down dramatically.

"It is still too early to declare victory over inflation. A balanced policy must be pursued to achieve the government's inflation goal of 8%-11%," it said.

"We are not talking of lowering interest rates in one shot," Bank of Israel spokesman Ohad Bar-Efrat explained.

Without minimizing the importance of the central bank's tight monetary policy, Katz pointed out that "[Governor Jacob] Frenkel is going to come out looking like a real hero, although seasonal factors were most responsible for the low index."

Fruit and vegetable prices continued dropping last month, decreasing by 6.1%, while clothing and footwear prices fell 3.2%.

However, even when volatile elements, such as produce and housing prices, in the index are neutralized, underlying inflation is running at an annual rate of about 9%, which is within the government's target, Katz said.

The biggest remaining question mark about inflation is what role housing is going to play, he explained. According to one theory, high interest rates should bring housing prices down, as expensive mortgages reduce demand and high interest pushes contractors to sell their stock to reduce their financing costs.

On the other hand, high interest rates may deter contractors from building, since the higher financing costs will add risk.

Katz predicts that although prices will not go down, their increase will moderate, and instead of jumping by 24% like last year, they will only rise by half that. *Consequently, he sees a good chance for single-digit inflation.*

Housing prices moderated last month, rising 0.7% after increasing by 1.6% in January. Both Katz and Ozama said it is too early to read a trend for lower prices in these figures.

Based on past calculations, the standard basket of goods and services is estimated to have risen to NIS 6,376, including housing, compared with NIS 6,366 in January. Excluding housing, it cost NIS 4,870, compared with NIS 4,875.

February's consumer price index breakdown

	% change from Jan.'95	% change from Feb. '94
General index	0.2	13.4
Food	0.9	8.8
Fruits & Veg.	-6.1	30.9
Housing	0.7	21.9
Clothing	-3.2	8.1
Health	0.3	15.3
Education	0.9	10.0
Transportation & Communications	0.5	10.3

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics

February's rise brought the index to 120.1 points on a baseline averaging 100 in 1993, compared with 119.9 points in January.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish expressed hope that Frenkel would lower interest rates based in the drop in inflation. Manufacturers Association managing director Yoram Blizovsky also called for lower interest rates.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said he was concerned that the sharp drop in agricultural produce prices will no longer make agricultural production worthwhile.

Mortar rounds explode near IDF border outpost

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

SEVERAL mortar rounds exploded near an IDF outpost on the Lebanese border yesterday evening, amid reports that some may actually have fallen inside Israeli territory.

The incident occurred after what had been an extremely quiet day in the security zone, with no reports of any other clashes or attacks.

Reports from Lebanon said as many as five shells exploded near the outpost, causing some minor damage but no casualties. IDF gunners returned fire.

No organization claimed responsibility for the attack and there was no confirmation that any of the shells actually crossed the border.

There was some speculation among senior Northern Command officers that the terrorists who fired the shells may have made a mistake in calculating the distance the shells would travel.

Initial reports from Lebanon said Katyusha rockets had been fired at the Upper Galilee, although it later transpired that they were mortar rounds which had exploded near the IDF border post.

The incident followed the general strike in Lebanon on Tuesday to mark the 17th anniversary of the Litani Operation and to press for a complete Israeli withdrawal from the security zone.

Elsewhere in southern Lebanon, gunmen intercepted PLO chief Yasser Arafat's paymaster there yesterday and stole about $70,000 worth of Fatah salaries, security sources said.

They said the gunmen drove up to the car of Taysir Barakeh, Fatah paymaster in the southern port of Sidon, and stole 115 million Lebanese pounds he had just withdrawn from a bank.

American Zionists look to bring back Orthodox

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

THE leadership of the American Zionist Movement, trying to recover from the adoption of a resolution that led its Orthodox members to walk out, is preparing a new resolution that would allow the Orthodox to return.

Three Orthodox organizations – Mizrahi-Religious Zionists of America, Amit Women, and Emunah of America – voluntarily pulled out after the AZM national congress passed a resolution on religious pluralism on January 10.

The AZM board will meet on Sunday to consider another resolution that attempts to undo the damage, by saying that the January resolution was "improperly adopted."

However, it is not clear whether AZM's Reform and Conservative members will accept concessions on the original resolution, which called on the Israeli government to grant equal treatment to all religious movements and ideologies, according to participants at a meeting yesterday of some AZM members in New York.

The Orthodox say they are bound by a ruling of Rabbi J.B. Soloveichik not to engage in

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Six-day-old corpse gets final resting place

HAIM SHAPIRO

AFTER spending nearly a week in the morgue of Haifa's Rothschild Hospital, the body of Claudia Pesinkov, a 92-year-old non-Jewish immigrant from Russia, was finally interred yesterday at Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk – the only place willing to bury her.

Father Daniel Rufeisen, who serves Hebrew-speaking Catholics in the North and has arranged burials of non-Jewish immigrants in Christian cemeteries, succeeded in arranging the burial, after the Carmelite Cemetery in Haifa refused to bury her. He also conducted the funeral service.

Rufeisen – known primarily for the case in 1962 in which the High Court of Justice rejected his petition to be recognized as a Jew according to the Law of Return, despite his conversion to Christianity – claimed that church officials have stopped allowing the burial of non-Jewish immigrants in their cemeteries for political and nationalistic reasons.

Until a few months ago, he had little difficulty arranging for burial of immigrants in Christian cemeteries. But then an order was issued by church officials not to accept for burial anyone who had not been an active member of the Catholic community.

Rufeisen said that the order really came straight from Arab nationalist circles.

"I don't know whether the order came from Gaza or from Tulkarm," he said.

He said that the reason given for not allowing Pesinkov to be buried in the Carmelite cemetery was that she had not been a Christian. However, Rufeisen said, it was unthinkable that any non-Jew born in Russia before the revolution would not have been baptized.

"I am very ashamed. I feel that the reason [for refusing burial] is not religious but nationalistic," he said.

Rufeisen said that from a Christian point of view, the Church should welcome the non-Jewish immigrants with open arms, since they would numerically strengthen the small Christian community. However, he added, when it came to burial, both the Jewish and the Christian establishment rejected the non-Jewish immigrants.

"The Jews don't want to defile their cemeteries with *goyim* and the Arabs don't want to defile their cemeteries with non-Arabs," he said.

Yesterday Rufeisen also conducted the funeral of a Polish Catholic woman who died in Afula. He said he was able to arrange for her burial in the Carmelite cemetery, but only with difficulty. He did not know where to bury another 34-year-old Russian woman from Kiryat Ata, who die at Rambam Hospital on Tuesday.

Rufeisen said the situation would no doubt be ameliorated when the secular cemetery approved by the interministerial committee for alternative burial is opened. But those involved in cemetery planning have said that to get all the necessary local and regional planning permits and actually open the cemetery would take at least a year.

Meanwhile the committee has approved an interim plan, under which wall crypts would be erected in existing Christian cemeteries, such as the Protestant cemetery in Jerusalem's German Quarter and a Greek Orthodox cemetery in Beersheba.

The plan, proposed by Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet at the suggestion of Uri Mor, director of the ministry's department for Christian communities, could be put into effect within a few months, Mor said.

According to Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, over 100,000 immigrants who came from the former Soviet Union in the past five years are not Jews according to Halacha. However Tzaban said that the overwhelming majority of these were either the spouses or offspring of Jews and he called for the rabbinical courts to ease the procedure for their conversion to Judaism.

Earlier yesterday, several MKs used the Knesset plenum to express anger over Pesinkov's fate.

Likud MK David Mena raised the subject, which was not on the agenda, in the middle of Speaker Shevah Weiss's Purim greetings at the start of the session.

"The Jewish people has humane values of pursuing justice and cannot stand for this type of thing. I call on the Religious Affairs Ministry to bury Claudia Pesinkov today to prevent further shame and stop such incidents recurring," Mena said.

Weiss noted the speech violated procedure, but "in view of the tragedy" he granted him "the right to call out."

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Progress made in PA election talks

ISRAELIS and Palestinians wrapped up a round of talks in Cairo yesterday with no breakthroughs, but with signs of enthusiasm about the chances of meeting a July deadline for Palestinian elections.

Meanwhile, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian leaders began four days of talks in Tunis on to assess the peace deal with Israel, PLO officials said.

Arafat was due to brief his colleagues on his recent discussions with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and progress in implementing Palestinian self-rule.

A two-day meeting of Fatah's central council is to be followed by a two-day PLO executive committee meeting.

It was the first time exiled Palestinian leaders still based in Tunis have taken part in meetings of Fatah and the executive committee, since Arafat and other PLO leaders moved to the Gaza Strip last year.

One of the major topics on the Cairo agenda concerned who will be eligible to participate in the elections. The Palestinian Authority is demanding that Hamas have that right, while Israel says Hamas can participate only if it disavows terrorism.

Both parties said they agreed in this round on the structure of an elected Palestinian council,

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and news agencies

and for the first time began joint drafting rather than exchanging papers.

"We will do everything we can to expedite this work so we can collectively meet the target date that was set for us in [early] July," chief Israeli negotiator Yoel Singer said before returning here after the two days of talks.

"The talks went well. We always make progress. We covered lots of ground. We will continue to work on that," he said. Singer said election talks would be held next week in Jericho.

"Our side is working under the assumption that we have to complete negotiations by the target date set. We are working very seriously, as fast as we can. We intend to abide by that date. We think we can make it," he added.

Singer and Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Arafat, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and their aides were negotiating the redeployment issue.

"Once the Israeli government makes up its mind about the redeployment issue of Israeli troops outside populated areas in the West Bank, you will see much more progress in negotiations," said Erekat, who heads the Palestinian negotiating team.

"Now, since we have a target date, we say unless this new timetable, is met, I am afraid to say that [if] July comes and nothing happens, Gaza-Jericho will not be able to stand on its feet. That is not as threat, that is fact," he added.

He said there must be an Israeli announcement about commitment to redeploy. "It is the political decision in Israel, but there is no time and room for more procrastinations."

Erekat said that besides redeployment there were disagreements over the size of the elected council, supervision of the polls, over who would have the right to vote and stand for election, as well as over the status of east Jerusalem residents.

"We need to start a door-to-door campaign," he said.

Gore: US doesn't rule out aid to Syria

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WASHINGTON

THE US administration will not rule out asking Congress to provide financial assistance to Syria should Damascus and Jerusalem strike a peace deal, Vice President Albert Gore said yesterday.

In a meeting with Israeli and Arab journalists, Gore also said the time is not right for him to push ahead Israeli-Syrian talks, because Secretary of State Warren Christopher is President Bill Clinton's "point man" in those talks.

Gore's six-day visit to the region begins Sunday. He will visit Egypt, Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, and Oman, but will not stop in Syria.

He said the US is launching a "full-court press" to bring about a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Gore said that "of course" he would discuss with President Hosni Mubarak the need to support the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which comes up for renewal next month.

"We believe the indefinite extension of the NPT is important to world peace and we are working very hard to achieve that objective," he said.

Asked whether Congress is in any mood to provide economic incentives to Syria, Gore said "The premise of the question is one which is premature for me to address, because no such agreement has been entered into and no request for an American role has been made."

Gore said, though, that "in general terms, I can assure you that the ... US will be there to do our part in moving the peace process forward, whenever and however that is feasible.

"We believe the peace process is moving forward and we do not foresee obstacles having to do with our ability to play a constructive role."

Gore said he was optimistic that congressional deliberations over wiping out Jordan's debt would not affect relations between the two countries.

He also said that the US had so far delivered $90.3 million to the Palestinian Authority in the two years since pledging $500m.

PA wants police funds channeled through the authority

JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Authority is pressing donor countries to channel police salaries directly through its ministries, and not through Palestinian agencies like other aid.

The issue was discussed Monday by police representatives and officials from UNESCO, Norway, Israel, and the donor aid coordination committee in Gaza, the daily *Al-Quds* said yesterday.

The refusal of donor countries to provide substantial aid directly to the PA is considered humiliating by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, but even moreso when he cannot directly pay his own police force, the backbone of his regime.

Donor countries have made payments to the PA conditional on a transparent system of accountability.

British Prime Minister John Major, who visited Gaza on Tuesday, spent much of his time with the local police commanders, donated 50 vehicles, and invited Security Police Chief Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yusef and Brig. Mahmoud Asfur, a senior police negotiator, to Britain on March 19. Asfur was involved in discussions on the direct pay issue.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (right) poses with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (center) and Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan after the two presented plans to Kohl for a dam on the Yarmuk River and a Kinneret desalination plant yesterday. The EU has agreed to pay for feasibility studies for the projects. (AP)

Peres warns of Iran nuclear weapons threat

BONN (AP) – Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is worried that Iran may soon be able to produce atomic weapons, he said here yesterday.

During a joint visit with Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan, Peres said he is concerned about a news report that Iran could have nuclear weapons within five years, thanks to a sophisticated smuggling network via Pakistan and Syria that has allegedly allowed Teheran to bypass the West's arms embargo.

"The smuggling of nuclear material is very dangerous," Peres said after giving a speech.

He said Iranian nuclear weapons would be especially threatening to Israel "since Iran asks for the destruction of Israel."

Peres said fundamentalism is "the greatest danger of our time," especially if fundamentalists get their hands on nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, an Iranian deputy foreign minister said yesterday that Iran is preparing for a possible Israeli or American military strike and will hit back hard if attacked.

"The Iranian blow will be no less powerful than the Israeli or American blow," the official, Hussein Sheik al-Islam, was quoted as saying.

Al-Islam spoke to *Asharq al-Awsat*, a London-based Saudi daily, during a Gulf tour widely seen as a campaign to counter US and Israeli claims that Iran is seeking nuclear capabilities.

Iran is trying to reassure its Gulf neighbors, with whom it has territorial disputes and the traditional Arab-Persian rivalry, after it reportedly deployed anti-aircraft missiles in the Gulf Strait of Hormuz.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Only a third of Gazans back Arafat

Only 34.4 percent of Gazans would vote for Yasser Arafat and 33.4% for Fatah were elections to be held today, according top a recent survey. Hamas received 19.3%. The poll, conducted by the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, a non-governmental body with strong ties to the PLO, surveyed a representative sample of 387 adults. The poll also found that 76% felt that the refugee problem should be solved by allowing them to return to Israel.

3-way monitoring of Eilat Gulf pollution

Israel, Jordan, and Egypt yesterday agreed to establish a communications network to deal with oil-spills in the Gulf of Eilat.

In the first stage, the network would be based on telephones and radios, and later on computers and other high-tech devices. The system will be tested once a month to check its efficiency.

It was also agreed to exchange information on changes in the movement of oil likely to affect the gulf environment.

Representatives of Japan and the European Union, which are funding the network, participated in the meetings. *(Itim)*

Soldier falls to death on hike

AN army officer fell from a cliff to his death while hiking with a friend in the Judean Desert yesterday.

Second-Lt. Gershon Dagan, 19, of Or Yehuda, and his boyhood friend, Motti Moran, also a second-lieutenant, had coordinated their furloughs so they could go hiking together in an area they loved.

The two left on Tuesday, telling their families they would return today. While hiking in Nahal Dragot, however, Dagan slipped and fell to his death. (Itim)

Yabad man killed by brother

A resident of Yabad, near Jenin, suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities, was allegedly killed by his brother early yesterday morning.

Mohammed Abadi, 25, had fled the village five years ago, after being interrogated by masked men and admitting he worked for the security forces. About three months ago, he returned.

Last night, a quarrel broke out between Abadi and his brother, partly about Abadi's drinking. During the argument, his brother apparently stabbed him to death. *Itim*

Syrians using missile buildup to compensate for weak air force

ALON PINKAS

THE Syrian Air Force is weak, its planes relatively outmoded, and its level of training, especially flight hours, well below what it was in the 1980s, according to a senior army officer who monitors Syria.

He said the Syrian Air Force is at a considerably lower level than when Syria aspired to attain strategic parity with Israel. Although the air force is the main component in President Hafez Assad's strategic parity ambitions, the collapse of the Soviet Union invariably meant that state-of-the-art aircraft are no longer available to the Syrians.

"Land forces could, and in fact did, modernize through acquisitions of tanks and self-propelled artillery in former Warsaw Pact countries, such as Bulgaria or the Czech Republic, but the aging fleet of MiG-23, MiG-27, and Sukhoi bombers was not updated, except for some MiG-29s and SU-24s.

"But the Syrians find it difficult to acquire spare parts, and they especially have a problem, since Russia in effect does not develop modern sub-systems for these airplanes," he said.

However, the Syrian military has been investing in compensating for this weakness through an impressive missile buildup.

"One of the lessons the Syrians drew from the Gulf War was that the Israel was ill-prepared, vulnerable, and fearful of missiles falling inside population centers. In an attempt to compensate for Israel's advantage in the air, they have begun a missile buildup, which now consists of approximately 1,000 Scud-B and the more accurate Scud-C surface-to-surface missiles," he said.

Another pending Syrian weapons acquisition the IDF is closely watching is the SA-10 surface-to-air missile, a Russian version of the US Patriot missile, but which is believed to be more advanced.

Meanwhile, French Chief of Staff Adm. Jaques Lanxade has said that while Syria is the major threat to Israel, the destruction of Iraq's military and the signing of peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan leave Israel able to counter a Syrian attack.

Eldad Beck contributed to this report.

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deserving, since it no longer insisted upon "symmetrical" arrangements that would enforce strict parity everywhere. It realized that Israel was withdrawing from the Golan Heights, and thus Syrian armor and troops would be restricted over larger areas on its side of the Golan than what can reasonably be expected from Israel.

Sources say Rabin told Labor ministers last night that "equality" cannot be the guiding principle for these security arrangements, because Israel is withdrawing from the Heights. Instead, he prefers the less binding term "mutuality."

Therefore, Israeli sources insist that in the Christopher draft, the wording was papered over in such a way that each side could claim a temporary victory. Israeli sources insisted Rabin qualified the definition of "equality" so heavily that it was essentially emptied of meaning. However, this only defers the problem to the negotiations themselves, where both sides have conceptual as well as technical differences about the aim of security arrangements.

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The funeral will take place today, Thursday, March 16, at Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

Shiva at the Pollak residence, Ramat Tamir Hotel, Room 306, Ramot Road, Jerusalem.

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2 remanded in Picasso, Degas art theft

BILL HUTMAN

MORE than a dozen paintings by Van Gogh, Picasso, and other famous artists have been recovered here. They were found in the possession of a Tel Aviv gallery owner and a French Jew.

Police believe the two, Muriel Ben-Harush, 48, and Marc Sibon, 53, are involved in what amounts to the biggest stolen art deal here ever.

Yesterday, French police informed Jerusalem police that some of the paintings had apparently been stolen last month from a Paris art dealer.

On Saturday, Jerusalem police came upon the paintings, worth tens of millions of dollars, during a routine search of a suspicious vehicle.

Ben-Harush and Sibon were in the car, as were a father and son from Givat Ze'ev, to whom they were allegedly trying to sell one of the paintings.

On Sunday, Ben-Harush and Sibon were remanded for five days by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. The father and son were questioned and released.

Six paintings were found in the trunk of the car, owned by Ben-Harush. Another eight were found in an apartment police discovered Sibon had rented in Tel Aviv.

Police said the two changed their stories several times, at first saying they had no idea where the paintings came from. Sibon finally admitted they were his.



Police yesterday display several of the paintings recovered here after being stolen in Paris. (Brian Hendler)

He told police he had purchased them from a Paris street vendor for $7,500. He said he brought them here last week in hope of selling them.

Based on the interrogations of the suspects and information received from the French police, police believe Sibon was involved in the armed robbery in which the paintings were stolen.

The paintings include works by Van Gogh, Picasso, Degas, John Sloane, Modigliani, and Anton Freisz.

Details of the paintings were sent to several European branches of Interpol. Only the French police have responded so far.

Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby declined to give the name of the dealer in Paris from whom the paintings are believed stolen.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Weizman didn't discuss unity government'

Beit Hanassi yesterday denied an Israel Radio report that President Ezer Weizman had met with MK David Levy (Likud) to discuss the setting up of a national unity government. "The meeting was purely routine – of the kind that the president has regularly with MKs and other public figures – and was fixed way in advance," spokesman Batya Keinan said.

More special contracts for top teachers

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said yesterday he is determined to proceed with plans to bring highly qualified teachers on special contract to poor neighborhoods to raise teaching standards.

He was responding to reports of opposition from the Histadrut Hamorim teachers' union. While no formal contracts have yet been drawn up, the teachers are expected to be offered about double the normal salary to go to outlying districts.

Low-income neighborhoods within the larger cities are also targeted for the plan, ministry spokesman Yehoshua Amishav said yesterday.

Bill to aid orphans left by spousal murder

The Ministerial Committee on Legislation, headed by Justice Minister David Liba'i, has authorized introduction of a bill that would provide a monthly government stipend to a child whose father kills his mother, or vice versa. The bill was prepared by the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, and the pension would be paid through the National Insurance Institute.

Hall adjoining Habima gutted by fire

The cultural events hall adjoining the Habima Theater in Tel Aviv was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Firemen worked for half an hour to put out the blaze and prevented it from spreading to the theater itself. The hall and its contents were severely damaged. The cause of the fire is still undetermined. *Itim*

Emergency drill at Tel Hashomer

On Monday, an emergency drill for evacuation of US military "wounded" will be held at Sheba Hospital. Twenty-four "victims" will be flown to the Tel Hashomer hospital in two helicopters. The drill is aimed at testing the hospital's ability to deal with US wounded.

Appeal of speeding conviction upheld

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday overturned the conviction of a man found guilty of speeding, accepting his claim that the radar device that monitored him had not been used properly.

Ya'acov Drucker was convicted of driving 95 kph in an urban zone, where the permitted speed is 70 kph. His license was suspended for 11 months and he was fined NIS 11,000. Drucker appealed, claiming that the radar operator did not remember nor have any record of the specific incident, and admitted he had not carefully followed the instructions for operating the radar device.

Judge Yosef Ben-Shlomo upheld the appeal, saying that improper placement of the device could give an erroneous result. *Itim*

New Military Police chief appointed

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday appointed Col. Niram Goldbroom OC Military Police.

The appointment will go into effect today, and Goldbroom will be promoted to brigadier-general. Goldbroom, 46, has served his entire military career in the Military Police. He will replace Brig.-Gen. Motti Biran, who will be appointed to another post.

Sole winner takes Lotto's NIS 3m. jackpot

Only one person won the NIS 3 million Lotto first prize this week, while three people shared the NIS 48,370.20 second prize. There were 164 winners of the NIS 2,212 third prize, while 9,657 fourth-prize winners received NIS 67.60, 182,439 fifth-prize winners received NIS 13.50, and 97,687 sixth-prize winners received NIS 7.40 each.

Next week's minimum first prize will also be NIS 3m.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ten of spades, queen of hearts, queen of diamonds, and queen of clubs.

Tuvia Tzafir arrested in casino raid

RAINE MARCUS

COMEDIAN Tuvia Tzafir was among those arrested yesterday when police raided two gambling sports in Bat Yam and Givatayim's industrial zone late Tuesday night as part of a campaign to close down small casinos in the Tel Aviv area. He was later released.

Tzafir was arrested at the Givatayim casino. Police detained the casino's owner, two dealers from England and 16 gamblers. About two weeks ago, police had issued a closure order against the casino, but then discovered it was still operating. Police seized a roulette table and gambling chips but found no large sums of money. Many casinos give gamblers credit to avoid losing cash in the event of a raid.

In the raid on a casino in a Bat Yam restaurant Tuesday night, police seized NIS 34,000 and $740 cash, roulette, black jack, and poker tables and thousands of chips. Seventeen people were detained, including the casino's operators, five British dealers, and one Gaza resident.

During this past week the police twice raided a casino in Jaffa, each time seizing large amounts of money and gambling equipment.

A source said that police have decided to crack down on illegal casinos in the city since they are "sprouting like mushrooms" and are an easy source for tax-free revenue. However, the larger ones remain open, he added.

Tracking device foils would-be thieves

RAINE MARCUS

A NEW gadget called "Ituran," intended for tracing stolen cars, apparently foiled the theft of a generator yesterday and helped police arrest two alleged thieves from Ramallah.

The generator, weighing two and a half tons and used to power traffic lights and street lighting, was stolen early yesterday morning from the Ben-Shemen interchange by two men who loaded it onto a truck.

The generator, equipped with the device used to locate stolen vehicles, was found some 15 minutes later at an IDF roadblock on the Ben-Shemen – Jerusalem road. Although the Ituran is still in its experimental stage, it has already proven itself in tracing stolen cars in the Kfar Sava area.

Iturit, which developed the gadget to send signals to a control center, claims it can help trace stolen vehicles anywhere. The center alerts police and the vehicle's owner.

The two suspects were detained by soldiers at the checkpoint until Lod police arrived to arrest them.

Teacher running field trip fired for not reporting girls missing

BATSHEVA TSUR

TWO Beduin shepherd boys, both 13, suspected of raping two Dimona schoolgirls on Sunday near the town, had their remand extended by seven days yesterday by Beersheba Juvenile Court.

The Education Ministry decided to dismiss the teacher responsible for the field trip during which the two pupils were raped. The teacher, whose dismissal is effective immediately, failed to report the girls missing at the end of the trip.

The two girls, both ninth-graders at a local junior high, reportedly broke away from the group to return home and took a short cut through some fields in the direction of the town. They later told police they noticed two youths following them, but did not pay attention.

"Suddenly, they both attacked us simultaneously ... We started screaming for help. No one heard us. We tried to resist but they were stronger," the girls said later.

Both of the girls were treated at Soroka Hospital. Police later arrested a 13-year-old from a nearby Beduin encampment and his cousin from Rafiah, also 13, who was inside the Green Line without a permit.

A commission of inquiry headed by the director of the ministry's southern division, Dr. Amram Melitz, found that the teacher had disobeyed standing orders for field trips and recommended his dismissal. The recommendations were adopted by the ministry's director-general.

"The teacher ... decided to go ahead with the field trip despite the fact that a second teacher who was also due to accompany [the pupils] had been sent by the deputy principal to replace another teacher," the report stated.

"At the end of the trip, on the outskirts of the town, it was discovered that two girls were missing. The teacher continued with the activities ... and then everyone dispersed instead of returning to the school. The school was not advised of [the developments]."

Ein Gedi kibbutznik killed in fall from crane

AMIR ROZENBLIT

A MEMBER of Kibbutz Ein Gedi was killed and another moderately injured when their cherry picker overturned as they were working in the kibbutz's date palm grove in Nahal David.

Tomer Ron, 30, and Ro'i Eino, 50, were using a cherry picker attached to a tractor to work on the dates, when for an as yet undetermined reason, the tractor overturned, spilling the two out of the cherry picker bucket.

Ron was killed. Eino, who suffered shoulder and leg injuries, was taken by IDF helicopter to Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, where his condition was said to have improved somewhat.

The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry has begun an investigation of the accident, and police said they are awaiting its report before determining if criminal negligence was involved.

Ron's brother, Giora, was killed in the War in Lebanon, and the annual Ein Gedi Race is held in his memory.

Authority opposes demolition of unsafe buildings in Acre

DAVID RUDGE

THE Antiquities Authority is opposing plans to demolish 150 buildings in Acre's Old City which have been declared unsafe.

The authority said a survey conducted with the aid of the Amidar government housing company, which owns many of the buildings, had revealed they could all be preserved and renovated if the right steps were taken.

Amidar had originally suggested demolishing the buildings, many of which have been declared unfit for human habitation.

The spokesman for the Antiquities Authority stressed, however, that the buildings, some dating back over 200 years, are part of Acre's heritage and help give the port city its special character.

The authority has the final word regarding the fate of ancient buildings in the city and has submitted its recommendations for preserving, renovating, and refurbishing them to Amidar and the municipality.

The municipality spokesman said their sole concern was for the safety and well-being of residents still living in some of the houses and the dangers the unsafe buildings represented to passersby.

"All we want to do is ensure that residents are found alternative accommodation and the buildings are made safe one way or another," said a municipality official.

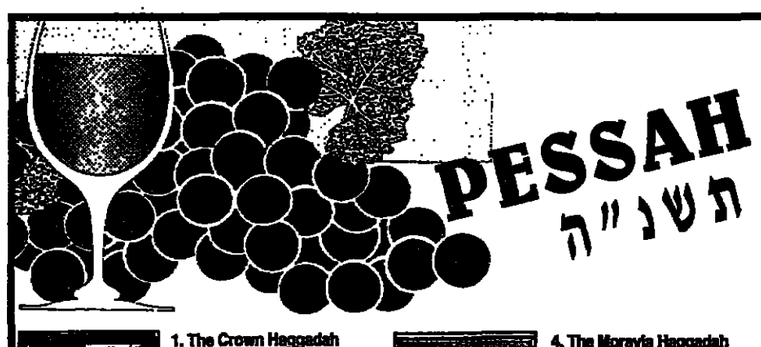
American Bar Association group arrives

The American Bar Association's first official program here is currently under way, with participants in the ABA's Middle East Briefing Trip having arrived in Jerusalem after visits to Amman and Jericho.

The delegation comprises members of the ABA's Section of International Law and Practice, which has approximately 17,000 members (slightly less than the number of all lawyers here).

Participants will meet with government officials, business leaders, and Israeli lawyers in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The program here is coordinated by Zvi Meitar, chairman of the Tel Aviv Bar Association.

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Canada releases Spanish trawler

OTTAWA (AP) – Canada released a Spanish trawler yesterday, defusing a tense diplomatic standoff with the European Union over fishing rights in international waters in the North Atlantic.

Owners of the trawler Estai have posted a $500,000 bond and other Spanish vessels have withdrawn from disputed waters off the Grand Banks, opening the way for negotiations aimed at ending a week-long dispute, said Fisheries Minister Brian Tobin.

"The vessel can leave this afternoon," Tobin said. "I think we have the appropriate conditions now in place to allow a dialogue."

A Spanish spokesman in St. John's, Newfoundland, said the trawler would leave at 5 p.m.

Tobin said he would reveal later what officials learned from the Estai's net, plucked from waters on the tail of the Grand Banks earlier yesterday.

It was being brought back to St. John's aboard a Newfoundland trawler and could be key evidence to back Tobin's claim that the Spanish were taking undersized fish.

"Was it the net that clinched this?" Tobin asked. "I would say the net effect of all our efforts is paying off."

A source at the European Union said the EU is no longer discussing trade sanctions against Canada as a result.

Diplomats said the release would open the way for immediate negotiations to settle the dispute over how much turbot EU boats can catch in international waters off Newfoundland.

Tobin was accompanied by Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet, who added Canada's negotiating team in Brussels would be willing to surrender some turbot quota for an agreement to put more teeth in international fisheries enforcement.

The area outside Canada's traditional 200-nautical-mile jurisdiction is governed by consensus through the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization, but the group's rules and quotas cannot currently be enforced.

"We're seeking two major objectives," said Ouellet. "One is to have stricter enforcement rules ... with mechanisms to supervise, catch and inspect vessels."

The other, said Ouellet, would be to reallocate Canada's share of the 27,000-ton turbot allocation set down by NAFO. Canada currently has 60 percent of that quota, while the EU has 20 percent.

At Canada's behest, the allocation was cut this year from 60,000 tons, and Canada's share was increased substantially at the expense of the 15 EU nations.

The trawler's owners and crew have denied Canadian accusations of illegal fishing.



Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans official Anthony Dunne holds a turbot filet from the seized Spanish fishing vessel that was released yesterday. (AP)

Four dead in Turkish riots

More than 2,000 secular Moslems clash with police

ZEYNEP ALEMDAR
ISTANBUL

CLASHES between secular Moslems and riot police left four people dead yesterday, and soldiers stood guard as thousands thronged the funeral of demonstrators killed in battles earlier this week.

More than 2,000 members of the Alawite sect took the streets in Umraniye, a slum in the Asian part of Istanbul, hurling stones and attacking police with sticks. Gunfire was heard, the Anatolia news agency said.

Four protesters were killed and 25 people were injured, according to the dispatch. A 6 p.m. curfew was imposed in the neighborhood, an extreme leftist stronghold.

About 5,000 mourners attended the burial of six Alawites in the Gaziosmanpasa district. Mourners shouted slogans against the government and called the police "murderers."

The violence began Sunday, when radical Islamic gunmen killed three people and wounded 25 in Gaziosmanpasa, populated by Alawite supporters of Turkey's secular system.

On Monday, Alawites protested against the attack and police opened fire. The death toll was in dispute, with the government saying 15 people died and a community leader saying 25 were killed.

Meanwhile, an army general negotiated for a peaceful funeral with the demonstrators in Gaziosmanpasa, where the government replaced police with soldiers after the killings. The government yesterday also announced the dismissal of the local police chief.

Gen. Riza Kucukogul, meeting in the street with Alawite representatives, also convinced the Alawites community representatives to open the roads. The protesters had cut off the street with barricades despite a curfew in the area since Monday.

City workers moved into the neighborhood to lift the barricades and clean up debris. Community leader Huseyin Gulen asked the general to help them find some 400 Alawites who he claimed were missing.

Alawites support social democratic and leftist political views. They remain at odds with Islamic radical Sunni groups for supporting Turkey's secular system.

Alawites make up about one-third of Turkey's 60 million people. (AP)

Thousands face starvation in Bihac

SARAJEVO (AP) – Thousands of people face starvation in northwest Bosnia because Serbs and their allies are blocking food convoys, officials said yesterday.

Sounding the alarm on the situation in the Bihac pocket, the aid workers spoke of looming starvation and other hunger-induced problems, including high abortion rates and premature births.

Alemka Lisinski, a UN aid agency spokeswoman, said supplies bought in by the last food convoy February 28 had been distributed to the most vulnerable of 200,000 needy in the enclave, site of stubborn fighting between government troops, Bosnian Serbs, and their Croatian Serb and renegade Moslem allies.

"The situation is desperate... our staff reports that food is very scarce and that the small quantities available for sale are very expensive and beyond the means of the people," Lisinski said.

"The food convoys are needed now more than ever," she told The Associated Press. "The Bihac people will not be able to endure much more this unbearable humanitarian situation."

Thee UN World Food Program, based in Rome, said only 5,000 of 200,000 in the enclave received regular meals from public kitchens, "and patients in the hospitals only one meal per day."

Only an estimated 20 percent of the population trapped in the region have received any food aid over the last six months, the agency said.

"High abortion rates, an increase in the number of premature babies, and endemic anemia among pregnant women have been reported," in hospitals in Bihac and Cazin, two towns in the pocket, the agency said. It attributed those developments to lack of food.

In Sarajevo, Nina Winquist, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, said blockage of convoys by Croatian Serbs and renegade Moslems, who help Bosnian Serbs in their battle against government troops, was also hampering various ICRC programs in the area.

Adams succeeds in raising funds in US

WASHINGTON (AP) – Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams is cashing in on his newly-acquired permission to raise money in the United States but the Clinton administration vows to pay close heed to how it is spent.

Adams said a $200-a-head luncheon Wednesday at a New York hotel could gross as much as $80,000. He said interest in the event among sympathetic Irish-Americans was such that Sinn Fein had to switch hotels in order to rent a larger room.

During an hour-long meeting with Adams on Tuesday, National Security Adviser Tony Lake stressed that he expects that all of the money raised during Adams' US trip will be fully accounted for.

Adams also was told that the administration expects that none of the funds will be used to purchase weapons, according to an official who briefed reporters on the meeting. Adams had already agreed to that restriction.

Earlier, at a news conference, Adams said Sinn Fein is committed to using the donations "to get out the political message of Sinn Fein here in the United States and outside the United States as well."

Adams' entree to the United States has irritated the British. President Clinton has been unable to reach British Prime Minister John Major by telephone. Major said Tuesday he knew Clinton was trying to reach him but blamed his hectic schedule for the failure to connect.

"If he has been pursuing me, I am sure he will find me soon, indeed we will make sure that he does," Major told reporters in Gaza.

Sinn Fein, the Irish Republican Army's political arm, is in a better position to get its message across to Americans with Tuesday's opening of a Washington office.

In his late afternoon meeting with Adams, Lake also raised the issue of "decommissioning" the IRA's weapons and expressed hope the process would begin "quite soon," the official said.

At his news conference, Adams offered no objection to discussions among all parties on decommissioning and he said Britain was the obstacle to progress.

California wineries clear up storm damage

NAPA, California (AP) – Storms have caused about $11.5 million damage in California wine country, but that doesn't necessarily mean a bad vintage for consumers.

While hundreds of acres of vines are sodden, the biggest problems for the industry that produces some 90 percent of America's wines are mud, debris and damage to equipment.

Heavy rains that have pummeled the Napa Valley this year have washed away some irrigation systems, grape trellises and private bridges.

"We've got a lot of junk in the vineyard, but no real crop damage," said Joel Aiken, of Beaulieu Vineyards in Napa County. "The next challenge is to get into the vineyard without sinking."

March's storms were more dangerous to vineyards than January's incessant rains, when all the vines were dormant, farmers said. Low-lying vineyards near the swollen Napa River were covered with more than a foot of water at the height of last week's flooding.

Dave Whitmer, agricultural commissioner for Napa County, said only about 200 acres of the region's 35,000 acres of wine grapes were lost, at a value of about $6 million. He said there was an additional $1.5 million in damage, and about two-thirds of the vineyards escaped unscathed.

In neighboring Sonoma County, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner John Westoby predicted a $4 million loss to the county's $150 million wine crop, a loss of some 3 percent of the 140,000-tons of grapes produced.

Alleged terror attack plotter: Trade center bombers were stupid

NEW YORK (AP) – A man who allegedly plotted terror attacks in Manhattan told an informant that a World Trade Center bomber bungled that job by renting a van in his own name, court transcripts showed.

"They're all stupid of course, but he's the stupidest one of them all because he is the one who screwed up the whole thing," Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali said Tuesday of Mohammed Salameh.

As Siddig Ali dished out his criticism three months after the February 26, 1993, bombing, he was being secretly taped by Emad Salem, a government informant. The taped conversations later led to Siddig Ali's arrest.

Salameh and three others were convicted last year in the attack that killed six people and injured more than 1,000. They were sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Siddig Ali pleaded guilty last month as part of a cooperation agreement with prosecutors in the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 10 other men accused of conspiring to blow up five landmarks, assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and kill or kidnap others.

Also in the transcript, Salem speaks about an earlier untaped conversation with El Sayyid Nosair in which Nosair allegedly asked him to get to work on a plan to kill the judge who sentenced him to prison, as well as a state assemblyman from Brooklyn.

Nosair was acquitted in the 1990 murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane but was convicted of related weapons charges.

Prosecutors say the Kahane assassination was the first of several attacks planned to punish the United States for its Middle East policies.

Siddig Ali told Salem that Salameh fouled up the trade center plan by renting a van in his own name. Salameh was arrested days after the bombing when he claimed the van was lost and asked for his $400 deposit.

Siddig Ali said Salameh's actions would likely cause Americans to call him "the stupidest terrorist in the world," and that Siddig Ali agreed.

"He is the stupidest, the stupidest, the stupidest of God's creatures!" he said.

The transcript read aloud by prosecutors in federal court in Manhattan on Tuesday represented the first of dozens of transcripts that are expected to be introduced at a trial estimated to last six to nine months.

Salem infiltrated the group by attending Nosair's 1991 trial.

Auschwitz inmate saved by saint dies

WARSAW (AP) – Franciszek Gajowniczek, whose life was saved by a Franciscan monk's sacrifice at Auschwitz and who spent years paying witness to that saintly deed, has died at age 94.

Gajowniczek died peacefully at his home Monday in the southwestern city of Brzeg, his widow, Janina, told AP over the telephone.

In July 1941, the Nazis selected Gajowniczek and nine other men to die of starvation as punishment for another prisoner's escape. After listening to Gajowniczek bemoan his wife and two sons, the Rev. Maximilian Kolbe volunteered to die in his place.

Kolbe survived in the starvation bunker more than 14 days with no food or water. The Nazis ended Kolbe's life on April 14, 1941, with a lethal injection.

"Ever since, he had a deep sense of Kolbe's presence and had a feeling Kolbe will know when to take him," Janina Gajowniczek said of her husband. "Now, he has gone to Kolbe."

Gajowniczek spent five years, five months and nine days in Auschwitz. Prisoner No. 5659 was tattooed on his left forearm.

The church declared Kolbe blessed in 1971 and canonized him in 1982. The man whose life Kolbe saved traveled through Europe and the United States giving talks about the saint and laying cornerstones for churches in his name.

Menem: Former Nazi to be extradited

BUENOS AIRES (AP) – Argentina has promised to extradite a former Nazi SS captain to Italy this month to stand trial in the massacre of 335 Italian civilians, a US-based Jewish group said Tuesday.

Erich Priebke, 82, has been under house arrest for nine months in Bariloche, 1,760 kilometers southwest of Buenos Aires, since admitting to a role in the 1944 massacre in the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome.

Tommy Baer, the international president of B'nai B'rith, said President Carlos Menem told him in a meeting Monday that everything possible was being done to speed up the case.

"Argentina has been getting the rap for the delay in Priebke's extradition," Baer said Tuesday.

"We told Menem that pressure from the United States and Italy is mounting," said Baer, who was in Argentina on a two-day visit. "He replied Priebke would be in Italy this month."

A spokesman for Menem said he could not confirm or deny Baer's account, but said Priebke was very likely to be extradited this month.



Ex-Nazi SS Captain Erich Priebke will be extradited to Italy this month. (AP)

Lawyers clash over Bailey's comment

LOS ANGELES (AP) – O.J. Simpson attorney F. Lee Bailey insisted to the judge yesterday that he talked to a defense witness "one Marine to another" even though the witness said on television that the conversation never took place.

The issue erupted Tuesday when Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ruled the defense could question Detective Mark Fuhrman about whether he used a racial slur in the presence of Marine Gunnery Sgt. Max Cordoba.

Bailey said Tuesday in court that Cordoba would "march up to the witness stand" and reveal the white detective once called the black sergeant a "nigger," a derogatory term for blacks.

In an interview with NBC television's *Dateline* news magazine on Tuesday night, Cordoba denied ever speaking with Bailey, though he stood by his remarks about Fuhrman.

Fuhrman was due back on the witness chair yesterday for more cross-examination by Bailey.

Bailey said he contacted Cordoba on Tuesday night and cleared up the misunderstanding.

Ito ruled that Fuhrman can't be questioned about Cordoba during cross-examination by Bailey. He said he would review the issue when the defense presents its case later in the trial.

McCartney: Ex-Beatles recorded new songs

LONDON (Reuter) – Former Beatle Paul McCartney said yesterday that the three surviving members of the legendary rock group have secretly recorded new songs to be released at the end of 1995.

The new tracks which McCartney recorded with George Harrison and Ringo Starr in a London studio will be released along with their 10-hour TV documentary, *The Beatles Anthology*.

McCartney's announcement was read for him at a New York news conference launching a talent drive for the Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts, a school for talented youths in his hometown which he helped establish.

"I'm sorry I can't be there with you but I've got the best possible excuse – I'm working in the studio on a couple of tracks from a '60s beat group you may have heard of, The Beatles," McCartney said in the message, issued in London and read in New York by the school's chief executive Mark Featherstone-Witty.

"These tracks will be released at the end of this year as a couple of cherries on the cake of *The Beatles Anthology*."

The three remaining Beatles recorded an unfinished John Lennon song, "Free As a Bird," using the dead singer's voice last year. Until McCartney's announcement it was thought to be the only new Beatle track.



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OFF THE SHELF

MARTHA MEISELS

IF you're planning to build, buy or renovate a home in the near future, you'd do well to visit the biggest-ever local fair of paints, floor and wall coverings, and insulation and weather-proofing materials, scheduled to open Tuesday, March 21, at the Tel Aviv Exhibition Grounds.

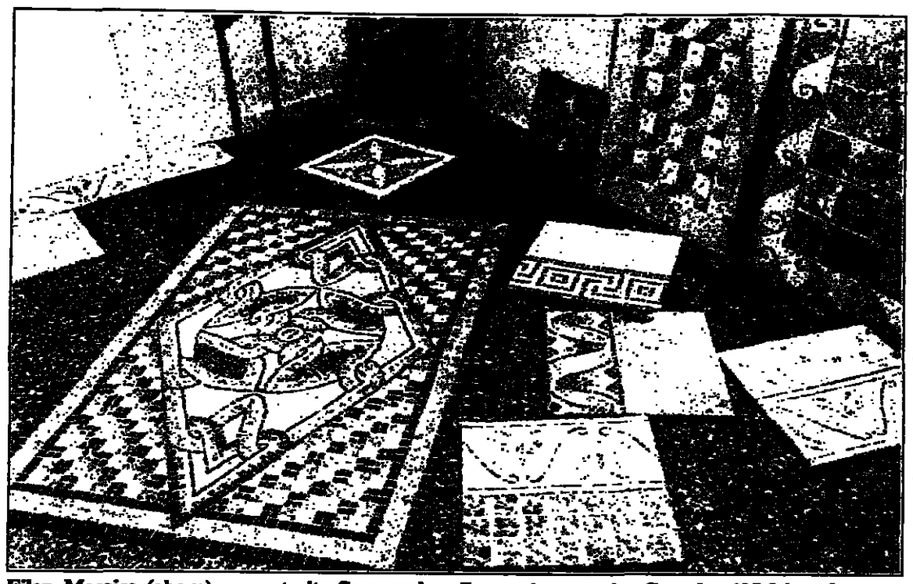
The five-day fair, called Complex '95, is a joint effort of the Israel Manufacturers' Association and the Israel Building Center. Nearly 100 exhibitors will be showing off local and imported products.

Making their market debut will be a paint which reputedly repels insects for two years, a do-it-yourself paint which gives a wallpaper effect, and a "Sand and Clean" apparatus for sanding down plaster walls without raising a dust storm.

At a press preview, other exhibits that caught my eye included ceramic floor tiles which look like wood flooring, do-it-yourself PVC floor tiles which fit together in jigsaw fashion, and a man-made marble stronger than natural granite. Fair-goers will see a demonstration of a steel ball dropping on both.

The general public can attend the building materials fair for NIS 20 between 4 and 10 p.m. next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, or on closing night from the end of Shabbat until 11 p.m.

Builders, architects and interior designers can attend free by invitation at the regular hours or at a Thursday daytime session for professionals, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Eilon Mosaics (above) presents its floor and wall coverings at the Complex '95 fair; after you improve your surroundings, you can pamper your feet by using a toe-divider for nail-painting, imported by Bar-Shai of Haifa. Cosmeticians, too, will find this product helpful.

Further details are available from the Building Center in Tel Aviv, 03-642-5226 and 03-642-7319.

IF YOUR building aspirations are limited to setting up a tent, you might prefer the Sportex '95 fair, in the same place, on almost the same dates. This fair, too, is open to buyers and the general public.

Some 40 manufacturers and importers will exhibit sporting and camping goods, including backyard swimming pools, wet and dry saunas, whirlpool baths, exercise-room equipment, and sports footwear and clothing.

Located at Pavilion 29, with an outdoor exhibition area, Sportex '95 will be open Tuesday, 3 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, 2 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m.

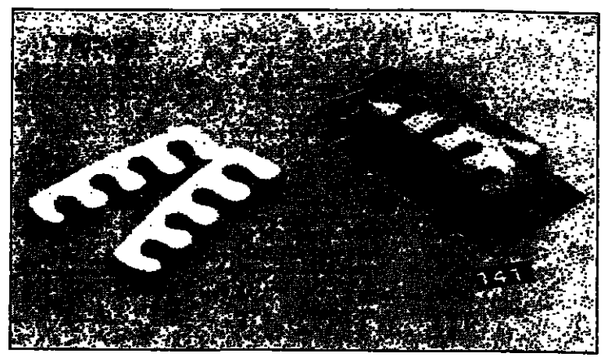
Admission is NIS 10.

A THIRD simultaneous exhibition at the fairgrounds is, unfortunately, not open to the general public, nor even to children of buyers. It is the pre-Pessah Isra-Toys exhibit of the toys and games for this year's *afikoman* presents and other seasonal gifts.

If you're a toyshop owner or buyer, or feel you have some other valid reason to attend, you can request an invitation from the organizing company, Keshet Iruyim, at 03-562-6091. The toy fair runs Monday through Wednesday, March 20 to March 22.

IF YOU can cut a straight line, you can recycle empty soft drink bottles into kitchen storage jars.

All you have to buy is a set of plastic lids, five of them for NIS 13. This new environment-friendly product is called P'kakbuk, from the Hebrew words for lid and bottle. It is made by Danya Plastic – from recycled plastic, of course.



The instruction leaflet is in Hebrew, with clear illustrations. You start with any 1½ liter plastic beverage bottle.

The hardest part is cutting the bottle straight across the midsection with a knife or scissors. The instructions suggest using the paper label as a cutting guide. This, however, may result in a set of jars of uniform height.

Once the bottle is cut, you fit the P'kakbuk rim onto the bare edge, then put the lid over the rim. If you've cut reasonably straight, the new jar will look quite professional. If it is lopsided (as was my first effort), try to straighten the edge.

Danya Plastic says the homemade jars can be used for storing dry foodstuffs, writing materials, playthings, household tools, personal hygiene items, fishing equipment, and so forth.

The P'kakbuk jar tops are on sale at the chain stores and at shops for housewares or hobbies. They come in orange, green and black.

IF SITTING for long stretches gives you backaches, you might want to look into Back-Up, a new-to-Israel back-support device. It can be used on a chair, on a backless bench, or even on the ground.

The American product is made by Nada-Chair of Minneapolis, and has been on the US market for about seven years.

Back-Up consists of a back pad which fits around the lower back and is anchored to the knees by means of adjustable straps and knee pads. This counterresistance gives support to the lumbar (lower) spine, so that the upper back can remain upright without effort, according to the Back-Up brochure.

Anyone with a back condition should consult a physician before using the product, the company says.

The importer concedes that some people may be embarrassed to use the back support at the office, and suggests that such people use it at home, at least at the beginning. Users can – and should – release the knee section occasionally and get up and walk around.

Back-Up is recommended for use at computer tables, in airplane seats, at amphitheaters, while fishing from small boats, or anywhere else where lengthy sitting is required. It is said to be helpful for some wheelchair users. Back-Up should *not* be used while driving a motor vehicle, because it could restrict leg movement. A special version for drivers, called Lumbar-Jack, has not reached Israel.

I sat in a Back-Up belt for about half an hour and found it very comfortable. On the other hand, I rarely have backaches except after long hours of standing in the kitchen on Fridays, and Back-Up wouldn't help then.

The product is being sold here in orthopedic goods shops, for NIS 199. There is a narrower, lighter-weight version at NIS 110 for outings, but this model is not recommended for long hours of everyday sitting.

The local importer of Back-Up is Shaul Yisraeli of Shaul Medic Shivuk, 09-346433 or 050-354637.

WHAT WILL they think of next? You can buy a stiff foam rubber toe divider. It holds the toes apart while you put polish on your toenails. It is said to replace wads of cotton wool, often used for this purpose.

The pink gadget resembles five toes, which are supposed to fit in around your real ones. I tried this and found it rather uncomfortable.

A pair of reusable toe separators costs a mere NIS 2.90, at chain stores and other shops.

The product is imported by Bar-Shai of Haifa. In Hebrew, it's called *mafrid l'lac* ("separator for nail lacquer"). It is supposed to be a help to cosmeticians, as well as women who polish their own toe nails.

Summer alert: Pose, don't expose

FLAIR

GREER FAY CASHMAN

CAN a swimsuit be outdated? You can still get away with wearing the same classic black or white maillot you've had for years; but those stringy bikinis which represent the fine line between nudity and being clad are definitely passé.

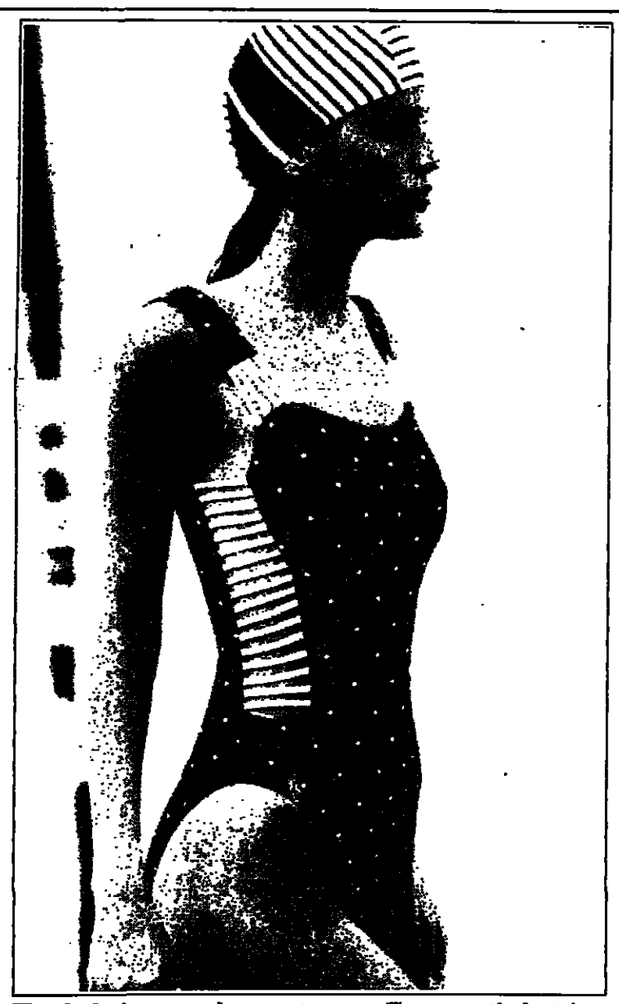
Exposure is out this summer. One-piece bathing suits often reach to the collar bone; two-piece suits graze the navel and are frequently skirted. Sometimes they feature cropped T-shirt tops instead of bras.

Boudoir and underwear influences abound, with sheer and crocheted lace insets, ribbon bands, camisole tops, underwired bras; and peignoir-style cover-ups.

Many of the bras have removable pads, which, according to designer Gideon Oberson were specially designed for the Japanese market "where women are inclined to be more flat-chested than their western counterparts."

Oberson, who in former years outraged puritans with his barely-there creations, is now moving in the opposite direction.

While there is still a lot of pizzazz in his collection, it is relatively conservative and understated in comparison to the provocative swimwear which previously was his calling card.



The look is covered-up, yet sexy. Here, nautical stripes meet polka-dots in Gideon Oberson's one-piece bathing suit.

The bust is hardly emphasized in some of his one-piece garments. Just the same, they have hidden bras "and lots of tummy controls" in the lining.

"We give a woman all the support she needs," said Oberson when he unveiled his collection this week.

Most of the collection is geared to a return to nature. Among the exceptions are striking silver Lycra space-age metallics and exotic jewel-toned designs inspired by Oberson's trip to Morocco.

Sarong skirts and wrapped pareos also hint at Indian influences which are much stronger in the opulent Gottex collection with its wonderfully rich prints, wrapped and draped silhouettes, shirred bras and fluid cover-ups.

Equally eye-catching are the high-necked, partially diaphanous maillots which are extremely flattering and much more sexy than the low-cut swimsuits in which everything hangs out.

Many of the styles in both the Gottex and Oberson collections are cut straight across the thighs.

Modest though this may be compared to the high cuts which sit on the hip bone, this cut looks good only on a woman with really great legs.

Among the more striking Gottex offerings are nautical stripes running every which way.



One of Oberon's examples of pizzazz is a striking silver Lycra bathing suit, in the style of space-age metallics.



Gottex's high-necked, partially diaphanous maillots display a more subtle sexiness than string bikinis. (Admor)

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A Syrian victory

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin went out of his way yesterday to deny reports that the US will now play a larger role in the negotiations with Syria. Rabin may be sensitive to the implication that he agreed to greater American involvement to induce Syria to return to the talks. This, after he vowed that there would be no such inducements.

But there is no doubt that President Bill Clinton's call yesterday for an "acceleration of the momentum for peace" means increased US involvement. Nor is there any doubt that this involvement is an Israeli concession and a Syrian victory.

To understand the nature of this victory, it is instructive to trace the course of Secretary of State Warren Christopher's latest visit. Prompted by undoubtedly genuine fear that the three-month impasse in the negotiations may lead to the complete collapse of the talks, Christopher came to the region to revive them.

But the American team seems to have forgotten that the impasse was caused by Syria and Syria alone. Unhappy about Israel's refusal to meet all its conditions, Syria's dictator Hafez Assad decided to exert the simplest and most effective form of pressure: the suspension of the talks. Israel's repeated warnings that time was running out – that the election timetable left only a few months for negotiations – could only mean one thing to this expert bargainer: that neither Israel nor the US could afford a prolonged impasse. It was only natural to draw logical conclusions and squeeze an additional concession for the resumption of the talks.

The concession Assad has been consistently demanding is American intervention. He has never made a secret of his conviction that only Washington can force Israel to agree to conditions it would otherwise reject. And it was only with extreme reluctance that he agreed to the Madrid formula, which restricted the American role to that of sponsor.

Consequently, he could not have been unhappy when the Labor government let American shuttle diplomacy replace direct bilateral talks. Not only does such American participation allow him to feel that he is not really negotiating with a sovereign and equal Israel. It ensures ever-increasing American pressure on Israel to show progress by making concessions.

Had the negotiations been held between two democracies, the use of a forceful arbitrator would have been unexceptionable. But a democracy, subject to pressures no dictator has to endure, is always at a tremendous disadvantage when negotiating with a dictatorship. Peace movements, imminent elections, abhorrence of casualties, and the burden of military budgets do not cause Assad sleepless nights. As long as he believes that there is a sense of urgency on the other side, he can take his time.

That is why the only immovable element in the negotiations has been Syria's position. It has not changed one iota since the beginning of the talks in 1991. Syria still wants not only total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, but a return to the pre-June 1967 lines. It even insists on retrieving an area on the Israel side of the international border which it captured in 1948 and which Israel recaptured in 1967. Nor is it willing to commit itself to normalization and open borders.

Under such circumstances, increased US involvement can only mean a continuing deterioration of the Israeli position. Syria may want American aid and trade, and it may want to be on Washington's good side – at least for the immediate future. But it is not desperate for these things the way the Rabin government is desperate for an agreement. Increased American involvement can only convince Assad that, as historian James MacGregor Burns once put it, "There is something impressive about someone who is not constantly compromising and retreating." Obviously, he hopes that as the election deadline in Israel nears, he will be able to get the Rabin government to yield to his conditions with American help. It is not a vain hope.

Another kettle of fish

INTERNATIONAL disputes often erupt where least expected, the unlikely row between Canada and Europe over a Spanish trawler being the latest case in point. Yet fishing disputes have indeed tended to be volatile and heated in recent years, from the equally unlikely "cod war" between Britain and Iceland in the 1970s to more recent violent confrontations between British and French trawlermen.

The row between the Europeans and Canada has reached serious proportions with great rapidity and could escalate further if the diplomats don't put in some hard work. There is little doubt Canada has seriously rattled the maritime lawyers by taking the action it did – using gunboats to seize a foreign trawler on the high seas. From time immemorial, such actions have been judged downright piracy, plain and simple.

The fact that the action was taken by a country normally regarded as one of the world's most blameless model democracies is all the more surprising and explains the rapid sanctions applied by the normally sluggish European Union. EU fisheries Commissioner Emma Bonino has called the armed seizure of the Spanish *Estai* the start of a Canadian "reign of terror" on the high seas. The union has canceled all official meetings with the Canadian government and called off the signing of routine scientific and educational accords. Spain is moving to impose visa requirements on Canadians and is considering other retaliation if the ship is not released from Canadian custody.

In Canada the mood remains unrepentant, as the government argues the time has come to put conservation before strict legality. A defiant Prime Minister Jean Chretien said bluntly: "If I had wanted to be the friend of everybody internationally I would have shut up, but that's not my style." Rhetoric apart, Chretien has put Canada in a difficult situation on the international stage.

Though the gunboats were launched under a highly controversial domestic law made last year, which allows the government to go into international waters and seize trawlers it believes are overfishing, the Canadians have all but admitted they are in breach of the ancient and universally accepted Law of the Sea. A Canadian law cuts little ice with the world community when it seriously rocks the boat of international agreements. Since fish recognize no man-made demarcation lines, the Canadians argue that important fish stocks – turbot and Greenland halibut – flow in and out of Canadian territorial waters across both domestic and international seas. This, they say, gives them the right to act to prevent overfishing.

Canada's concerns may be genuine, but so too are the concerns of the Europeans for international legality. Having made its point, it is well that Canada has decided to release the *Estai*, defuse the crisis, and enter into negotiations on its worries about fish stocks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VERBAL ABUSE

Sir, – There has, rightly, been much attention paid in the media to the subject of wives battered and even murdered by their husbands. However, I would like to draw attention to the prevalent, but not so publicized, matter of verbal abuse and torment. This sometimes, but not always, leads to physical abuse, but in itself can be most distressing and devastating, even though it may not seem to be as newsworthy as battering or murder.

My daughter is going through this experience at present. Her husband has initiated divorce proceedings. As she cannot leave their home for fear of being labeled a *moredet* and losing her children, she has stayed in the house, where she is subjected to constant verbal abuse from her husband and his family, which lives nearby. They all treat her like dirt and make constant threats and menaces. To detail all his actions would take too long, but suffice it to say that he is making her life a living hell with the aim of goading her into leaving the house. Luckily, she has found an inner strength which is enabling her to somehow detach herself from this torture, and so far she has not left.

ANGRY MOTHER
(Name and address supplied)
Tel Aviv.

MIND BOGGLING

Sir, – Shimon Peres negotiating to bring into "large" Israel hundreds of thousands of Arabs from "tiny" Jordan as returning displaced persons made refugees by yet another war of the Arabs' making is mind boggling. It would only make sense if he will divulge at a later stage that the final solution provided by his "vision" of the New Middle East requires the removal of the biggest obstacle to peace by sending back to "where they came from" Jewish refugees who came from Germany, the old Soviet Union, Arab countries, Africa, etc....

It seems that the present "leadership" of Israel is not only hell-bent on parceling out the country, but wants to ensure at the same time an overwhelming Arab presence.

MOSHE KAHTAN
Epsom, England.

TV REVIEW

Sir, – Cable TV has not yet reached us country hicks, but the *Post* arrives on time and I enjoy Penny Starr's reviews immensely. I really look forward to her comments.

LIONEL FRIEDMAN
Kfar Haroeh.

THE GOLANI JUNCTION

Sir, – Our extended family and circle of friends want to express their strong support for Yitzchak Snitkoff's letter of March 6, on the moral and esthetic horror erected by McDonald's at the Golani Junction. The lack of feeling as expressed in this kind of public relations is appalling and certainly not conducive to enhancing the company's goodwill.

The company must find ways to change this situation.

B.W. DE VRIES
Herzliya.

JONATHAN POLLARD

Sir, – Accustomed as we are to extreme Jewish condemnation of Jews who embarrass us, Weinberger's labeling Jonathan Pollard as the most dangerous spy in the history of America nevertheless struck some of us as a bit much.

Now that it is realized that Weinberger mistakenly thought Pollard responsible for all the mass havoc wrought in Russia by unsuspected master spy Aldrich Ames, why is this modern Dreyfus still sitting in jail?

HILDA TERRY
New York.



Yossi Sarid travels in time

A deadly tug of war

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

THE recent shooting of two American consulate workers in Karachi caused hardly a ripple in a world grown blasé about terrorists. After all, 400 people have died violently in ethnic clashes in Pakistan these past three months. And many more have been slain elsewhere, particularly in Moslem countries where fundamentalism is tightening its murderous embrace.

Pakistan and the US are close allies. Prior to the March 8 shootings, not a single American diplomat had been harmed in Pakistan since 1979. In fact, US personnel felt safe enough to carry the telltale identity number 64 on their vehicles. "We're much safer in Karachi than New York," consular staff would joke

The terrorists who shot Jackie van Landingham and Gary Durell were no hit-and-run "cowboys," as run-of-the-mill hired killers are called. They were skilled marksmen who made sure that the Pakistani driver in the vehicle was unharmed.

The gravity of the incident was demonstrated by the arrival of dozens of US security and intelligence officers, who were promptly flown in to "help" local officials track the killers and ensure the safety of remaining American personnel. In addition, a $2 million reward was offered for information concerning the shooting.

Was this simply an attempt by the US to punish the criminals who killed two of its citizens? In part, yes. Uncle Sam is zealous in caring for all Americans, no matter how humble. Appeasement isn't the American way.

But in the wider scheme of things, the murder of the two consular staffers is a significant move in a global confrontation involving the US, Germany, France, the former Soviet Union, Iran, Syria and Libya. And, last but not least, we have Conoco, a subsidiary of the giant chemical company Du Pont. All the players are pulling in different directions.

The focus of international involvement is Pakistan's "Moslem bomb." Around the nuclear know-how of its creators swirl clouds of intrigue involving the manipulation of terrorism, big business, and billions of dollars of oil money.

The deaths of the two Americans are linked to last month's CIA capture in Pakistan of Ramzi Yousef, who played a key role in the bombing of New York's World Trade Center in February 1993 and also shot Rabbi Meir Kahane in a Lexington Avenue hotel in 1990. Later this month, US first lady Hillary Clinton is going ahead with a scheduled trip to Islamabad, despite the deaths of two US citizens.

Two Americans shot dead in Karachi were victims of the 'Moslem bomb'

A MORE frequent visitor to Pakistan is Ali Fallahian, Iranian special actions minister of state.

There is no secret about what "special actions" means. Fallahian is the puppeteer who directs all Iranian international terror acts, usually via Damascus. His network includes Moslem terrorists in New York, Hizbullah in Lebanon and fundamentalist cells in Algeria and Egypt. He has also set up terrorist training camps in Sudan.

Fallahian is a busy man – but not too busy to focus much of his energies on trying to wean Pakistan of its limpet-like attachment to the "Great Satan," as he calls the US.

Fallahian has a powerful argument: "We are all Moslems with one aim: To dominate the world and crush the infidel." Perhaps he doesn't express it quite so bluntly, but the intention is clear.

Iran, like Libya and Iraq, has donated hundreds of millions of dollars to help Pakistan build its atomic bomb. The deal was that Pakistan would share its secrets with its Moslem brothers.

Up to now, Pakistan has resisted the blandishments, pleas and even threats of its irate donors, who want information or their money back.

"Don't give way," warned the Bush and Clinton administrations. Washington does not want nuclear weapons know-how to fall into the hands of Iran and unstable, dictatorial Arab states.

Thus, the gist of Pakistan's message to its fellow-Moslem states is: "Sorry, chaps. We need American capital in big dollops to develop our country and feed our hungry citizens."

Now the pieces of the jigsaw start to fit into place.

In a couple of weeks, Hillary is going to have tea with Pakistan Premier Benazir Bhutto. That means a lot more childcare clinics for Pakistani mothers, and the like. When the CIA wanted to nab the bomber of the World Trade Center, Mrs. Bhutto, grateful for US aid, waved aside the formalities usual in such cases and said: "Be our guest. Take him."

Naturally, this irritates Fallahian. And, in all probability, the US consular officials were shot in a fit of pique.

On a higher level than cosy cups of tea, the US is leading a major global battle to prevent Middle Eastern dictators from obtaining atomic weapons, and to force Iran and Syria to cease their worldwide terrorist actions. Hence the trade embargo on Iraq, efforts to isolate Iran and a refusal to remove Syria from the list of countries that support terrorism.

Meanwhile European countries, led by France and Germany, are moving heaven and earth to persuade the UN to lift the embargo on Iraq and sell Iran all it needs to build vast quantities of chemical weapons. And the Russians have signed an agreement to build Iran a "peaceful" nuclear plant.

To put teeth into US efforts to halt Iranian-directed terror attacks, President Clinton has cracked down on a $1-billion bid by the US oil company Conoco to build two major new oil fields for Teheran. Behind his resolve lay CIA suspicions that Iran was behind the shooting of the two Americans in Karachi.

The murder of the Americans is one small skirmish in a big-league global battle involving billions of dollars and, perhaps, the fate of countless lives in the volatile Middle East.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service *and other books on the Middle East.*

POSTSCRIPT

A SHREWDNESS of apes, a murder of crows, an unkindness of ravens and a crash of rhinos.

A new reference book called *The Dent Dictionary of Measurement* lists these little-known collective nouns, along with 3,500 other terms for quantification and measurement.

Just published in the US by Macmillan, the 538-page book explains that "unkindness" as the term for a gathering of ravens arose in the Middle Ages when the big black birds were seen as portents of plague and death. It also reflects the old meaning of "unkind" as "unnatural."

Editors Mike Darton and John Clark turn up some very odd measures: a "grapheme" is the smallest unit of written language: generally a single letter: a "gowpen" is the amount of water you can hold by cupping your hands.

Darton's favorite measure is the "gry" because it was never actually put to use and is very, very small. Equivalent to 120th of an inch (0.216 mm), it comes from a Greek word for a speck of dirt under a fingernail.

"Gry was a linear measure proposed for use in England in 1813 as part of a plan to make all linear measurements decimal-based," Darton said.

He especially likes the tongue-in-cheek entries like "seven-league boots," magic footwear that enabled the wearer to travel seven leagues – about 34 km – at each step. "A wearer must remember to take the boots off before going indoors," Darton added to the entry.

A NURSE in Spokane, Washington, accidentally dropped a donated human heart, and then threw it in a garbage can without telling anyone.

Fearing she had contaminated the organ, nurse Wanda Condon discarded the heart and falsified documents to indicate it had been shipped to a laboratory.

Her employer, appropriately named the Sacred Heart Medical Center, fined and reprimanded her.

POLICE CALLED to rescue two men stuck in an elevator found the men with a stolen safe.

Police in Southend, England, said the pair had evidently taken the safe from an office only to be trapped when the elevator broke down.

"It was convenient of them to get stuck," said a police spokeswoman.

AN ABSENT-MINDED Romanian surgeon removed a gall bladder but forgot a pair of scissors sown inside a patient for eight years.

Eugenia Dezideriu, 60, has felt ill ever since undergoing stomach surgery in 1986. The cause of her ailments became clear when doctors removed a 15 cm-long pair of scissors from inside her abdomen.

"I haven't been a normal human being after that surgery. I have felt cold all the time, I have had abdominal pains and I got tired very quickly," Dezideriu said.

Purim spiel

DAVID GRANIEWITZ

WATCHING a recent TV talk show, I was reminded of the Gentile who came to the sage Hillel asking that he teach him the Torah while "standing on one leg."

The scene is familiar: a rabbi or Jewish religious leader is invited on a show to explain a controversial rabbinical ruling or give the religious point of view on a topic of current interest.

Used to delivering sermons in which he has sufficient time to develop his point, the rabbi cannot handle the wham-bam ap-

Rabbis appearing on TV talk shows. What a farce

proach of the talk show host, who wants instant answers from the guest he has slotted in between the juggling dog and the commercial breaks. Feeling that he has an educational duty to the nation, the rabbi tries to squeeze his two cents' worth into the allotted few minutes, but is left dangling by a shampoo commercial.

Invariably, his message gets lost. What usually gets remembered are the host's questions, and the comments designed to put down the rabbi and make him look like a reactionary out to destroy all signs of modern life in Israel.

We got a good example of this on a recent Gabi Gazit talk show. Rabbi Efraim Zalmanovitz of Mazkeret Batya had been invited to explain his ruling that on Purim, children shouldn't be allowed to dress up as the *Comedy Store*'s Jo-Jo Halastra, or as Dana International, the transsexual singer.

What was wrong with them? Gazit asked.

The rabbi replied that they used coarse language and projected values that were detrimental to children. Emulating them, he implied, was harmful on such an important festival as Purim – which, he started to explain, is considered even holier than Yom Kippur.

This was too much for Gazit, who cut the rabbi off. Time for a commercial break.

The other guests on the program were MK Yael Dayan and Gil Hovav, a gay journalist who was promoting his new book.

Dayan tried to confront Zalmanovitz over the issue of homosexuality, citing the "rights of the individual." But for the rabbi, this Western value didn't cut any ice.

Dayan, champion of the gay cause in the Knesset, isn't one to miss a good fight. Yet it wasn't a fight. The whole discussion was pointless from the beginning.

ZALMANOVITZ lives in a different world from Gazit's and Dayan's. Different criteria govern his way of life. To expect him to explain a halachic ruling, even on something as trivial as a Purim costume, or to deal with a subject as controversial as homosexuality, in a few sound bites is a waste of everyone's time.

Religious Jews had no trouble understanding the rabbi's ruling on Purim costumes. But to secular Jews, it was a laugh. (Incidentally, Zalmanovitz had also said that it was forbidden to dress up as Baruch Goldstein.)

Gazit was only doing his job. If baiting religious leaders improves the ratings, can he be blamed?

But why do people like Zalmanovitz agree to appear on talk shows in the first place? Do they think they are educating anyone by throwing a holy word or two into a pointless argument with someone with whom they have no common language? Most Orthodox rabbis don't watch TV, and aren't aware of how they appear on talk shows.

They usually come away with very little dignity intact, having been reduced to the level of a "curiosity," or forced into a shouting match. (Rabbi Israel Eichler, a regular on Channel 1's *Popolitica* is the exception: he usually manages to give as good as he gets.)

If any religious ruling is needed, it should be one forbidding rabbis to appear on talk shows. The nation's couch potatoes are looking to be entertained. They don't want sermons.

Religious leaders need to find other ways to influence the public. Talk shows aren't the answer.

The writer is a Jerusalem high-school teacher and TV addict.

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National outcry against Knesset strike

Thousands demand TV show their favorite insults

SARAH GENUG, MIAT COLLINS, AND ITIM

PRESIDENT Eizeh Wiseman is scheduled to meet tonight with leaders of all the nation's political parties and Finance Ministry officials in a last-ditch effort to try settling the Knesset strike, which slipped into its third week yesterday with no end in sight.

The strike, which has crippled the nation's media and deprived the country of its chief national pastimes – watching and listening to MKs deride each other in the Knesset's plenum and committees – erupted over the Treasury's decision to impose a cap on MKs salaries by limiting their moonlighting activities.

"I'll try to get the two sides talking. I think I owe it to the Israeli people to do what I can to get those insults flying again," said Wiseman. "I don't think anyone here really wants to see the Knesset operating with replacement MKs."

The public's suffering over the issue was underscored yesterday morning, when 40,000 demonstrators lined up outside Israel Television's Jerusalem offices demanding a replay of some of what some termed "the Knesset's greatest hits," including the Esther Salmonella vs. Motta Gitt "You're acting like a whore" routine and the late MK Tawfik Zayyad showing the Knesset just what he would do to MK Rehavam Ze'evi's testicles.

Despite Wiseman's remarks, plans were continuing this week to open the upcoming summer session of the Knesset, after the Pessah recess, with replacements.



Deputy Speaker Esther Salmonella struggles to restore order at the last plenum session before the Knesset strike began three weeks ago. (AP)

All the political parties are reportedly looking for suitable candidates, preferably those with some political experience or former MKs who are willing to come out of retirement.

Labor was reportedly holding top-secret talks with Abba Hebanned to head its Knesset faction, while the Likud was said to have been discussing a possible return to the Knesset with former finance minister Yoram Toreador. Former finance minister Yitzhak Wataboutn'i issued a statement saying he was "uniquely qualified" to be a replacement MK, but got no takers.

Other parties have been harder hit. Meretz, which never had so many MKs before, is struggling to fill the gap, and interviews were being conducted on Sheinkin Street to find suitable replacements.

However, the Histadrut has stated that none of its members will cross the MKs' picket line, even if this means the government could fall if the Left is under-represented.

"There's no room for scab MKs in Israeli politics," said Histadrut Chairman Rimon Hai, himself on strike. "Besides," Hai added, "Histadrut bigwigs don't need to rely on their Knesset salaries for anything."

Knesset cafeteria workers have already promised they will not serve any replacement MKs, or allow them to run up tabs.

Meanwhile, MKs continued to picket the Treasury yesterday. Government ministers and members of the opposition walked together outside the Treasury building, holding up signs reading: "Empty rhetoric doesn't come cheap!" and "Even demagogues need dollars!"

Even Finance Minister Avraham Surefat was picketing the Treasury. "Asking MKs to live on their salaries is ridiculous. Why should they be different than anyone else? Besides, an MK's career can be very short. One no-confidence vote and you're out. The public's been enjoying our shtick for years. It's time they and the Treasury realize: You want entertainment, you gotta pay for it."

Newspapers have been hardest hit by the strike, which has forced several to stoop to printing human interest stories where their Knesset reports once appeared. Channel Three, Israel Television's experimental channel which broadcast Knesset sessions live, was forced to go off the air. The ratings of Television's popular *Popolitica* program fell to an all-time low after last Monday's eighth consecutive show sans MKs, with angry viewers phoning ITV to complain that not a single participant had been cut off in mid-sentence.

While little headway was being made in solving the dispute, even less was being made in finding replacements.

"It's hopeless," said an Arab Democratic Party spokesman. "I was coaching a candidate the other day. I said: '[Moledet leader] Gumby calls you a drunken son of a camel. How do you respond?' The guy looks at me and says: 'Shame on you.' Shame?! I thought I would plotz. You can't teach good vitriol – it comes with experience."

Ads were recently placed in several papers for candidates to be replacement MKs, and a handful turned out for a workout at Likud headquarters recently. However, four had to be taken to the hospital when they sprained their ankles during a rushing-the-podium drill.

Wiseman said he would do whatever necessary to get the two sides back to the negotiating table, so as to avoid a cancellation of the summer session. "People need the Knesset as a moral example," said the president. "They need to know there is someone out there even LESS civilized than they are. I'll do whatever it takes."

Government planning to sell Eilat

MIAT COLLINS

THE government is finalizing plans to privatize Eilat and Industrialist Shoul Eisenberg is said to be the most serious bidder, according to unbelievably high sources in the Labor Party at a wild party last night.

"As part of our policy to privatize and get rid of as much unproductive commercial baggage as possible, we have decided it would make sense to privatize and sell Eilat," the source said.

"We don't think anyone can lose by such a deal. The residents get a new owner who knows how to run things and we get the money. As Eilat is fairly cut off from the rest of the country and enjoying an economic boom, it seems the ideal place to start. If it works out, we'll consider privatizing other cities too."

The source said the privatization policy is in keeping with the government's socialist orientation. "We just sell places and that way we don't have to worry about the things any more. If the area is particularly problematic, like Gaza or Jenin, we won't sell. We'll just give it away. In Eilat's case, however, we think we should be able to get a good price." He declined to comment on whether Eisenberg is the only bidder.

"I can't say for sure, but as Eisenberg has bought everything else recently, we thought he'd be interested. After we sold him Israel Chemicals last month, he already owns 3 percent of the land and all the country's natural resources. I expect he would like to buy a port city in order to export the Dead Sea Works minerals."

Eisenberg is apparently in China and was not available for comment, but a source close to him said the industrialist is "definitely interested" in buying Eilat. "However, he has already turned down an offer to buy the Golan Heights. That's not his style. He only makes safe purchases," the source said.

A spokeswoman for the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel said the group would protest the Eilat sale. "I don't know why yet, but I'm sure we'll find a reason to object. It can't be good for the environment – nothing is," the spokeswoman said.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni is also protesting the sale, claiming that if the government doesn't want to keep running the isolated southern town it should be given to the Palestinians, "whether they want it or not."

Lost Yemenites found, Meshuga sweeps to power

MICHELLE O'NOODLE

SELF-styled rabbit Uzi Meshuga was vindicated yesterday and released from jail to become head of the Histadirt – a startling reversal of events.

Cows met fans earlier in the day, when the sweeping reforms of Histadirt chairman Slime Comeon reached the 27th floor of the commisariat headquarters in Tel Aviv.

As the cobweb-covered doors on the row of offices were forced open for the first time since 1947 hundreds of gray bureaucrats were found drinking weak tea from cracked cups and passing yellowing documents from in-trays to out-trays.

The discovery of course would have been nothing *unusual in the Histadirt*, until a Histadirt official recognized the 27th floor bureaucrats as Yemenites who were last seen as children in 1953.

There were immediate repercussions in the appeals court across town, where Meshuga failed to turn up for his appeal against a 500-year jail term for loitering with intent to found a new branch of Judaism and killing 20 alleged police officers.

The official called the court just as the judge was about to dismiss Meshuga's appeal and double his sentence.

The official, who spoke only on condition of having his name, address and achievements printed in full (see page 94) said: "That was it really. I just told the lawyers that Meshuga had been right all along and that we had found his lost Yemenites safe and sound and productively forging invoices for the Histadirt brass."

There were wild scenes of jubililation as all charges against Meshuga were dismissed on condition the judge got an invoice for out-of-pocket expenses and an invitation to a Yemenite wedding.

More than 5,000 supporters of the charismatic rabbit carried Meshuga shoulder high from the courtroom to a waiting white donkey which immediately headed up the Ayalon towards Jerusalem.

Asked to comment, Meshuga would only reply: "If you pull the beard of the rabbi, the donkey falls off the cliff."

Up your money

NEWS DIALYSIS
NEIL DOWN

AS I predicted last week, my predictions have come true. While you wage slaves wonder what to do with your spare cash, I've already salted away enough shekels to buy Bank Leumi when Finance Minister Tubby Nohat keeps to his past record and sells it to the lowest bidder.

This week, a reader sent me a letter (and a very comely photo, I'll definitely call you tonight, Madam Yen, to see exactly what it is you do with that whip which so affects the traders in the Bank of Israel's currency department) asking how she could avoid paying tax.

I'm surprised more of Joe Public don't send me such enterprising letters. All I get is sob-stories from people stupid enough to believe the ill-dressed bank clerk who advised that investments on the Singapore derivatives market was the safest way of ensuring their life-savings.

When will people wake up to the simple truth that nobody makes money by honest toil. Even mediocre Histadrut functionaries didn't suddenly turn into mediocre national politicians by the sweat of their own brows and wisely investing their own pension plans. Indeed, why should they invest their own money, when millions of people are happy enough to give them vast sums of money each month without demanding any accountability whatsoever.

My advice is simple: Cheat. If both the heart surgeon who operated on your mother-in-law (and encouraged her to sign over her apartment to you and not that good-for-nothing son in Australia) and the electrician who claims he doesn't have a bank account and therefore can't accept checks seem to be living well at your expense, then believe it – they are.

GSS to make sure all Harafat's troubles are little ones

JON ITIM

THE GSS has launched a secret campaign to distract Palestinian Authority Chairman Yessir Harafat during the upcoming final status negotiations by turning fatherhood into a nightmare for the PA leader.

"Operation Rock-a-Bye-Baby" is designed to surround Harafat and his wife, Suhi Atwill, with the most annoying baby toys possible, and to keep the PA leader and his wife up all hours after their baby is born, right before the July 1 deadline set for completing the next phase of the IDF withdrawal from the territories.

"We've been making the rounds of all the baby stores," said GSS chief "!," the first GSS leader to opt for a punctuation mark instead of a letter as his nomme de guerre. "We've located the noisiest rattles, and we've just about bought up all the Raffi tapes available here.

"We're also planning ahead for when the kid gets a little older and we approach the final status negotiations' later stages. We've got one of Harafat's relatives paid off to buy the kid a drum, one of those little cars with a genuine-sounding car alarm, and a xylophone. Oh, and one of those little dogs you pull on a string that go whap-whap-whap. God, we're going to drive him mad!"

GSS agents have also flown to Paris, where Suhi Harafat is living, and have consulted with doctors to find out what kind of diet has the best chance of producing a colicky baby. "Our people have infiltrated the Atwills' kitchen, and we're making sure Suhi gets the proper food to ensure this kid is going to be a *major* cryer.

"Harafat's going to get absolutely no sleep, and will be begging to sign any deal just so he can get back to bed."

! said he had already asked chief of operations $ to look into creating special diapers that would produce severe diaper rash, which would be good for other endless hours of wailing by Harafat Jr. "It's still in the developmental stage, but I think we're close to patenting a real pain in the butt," ! said

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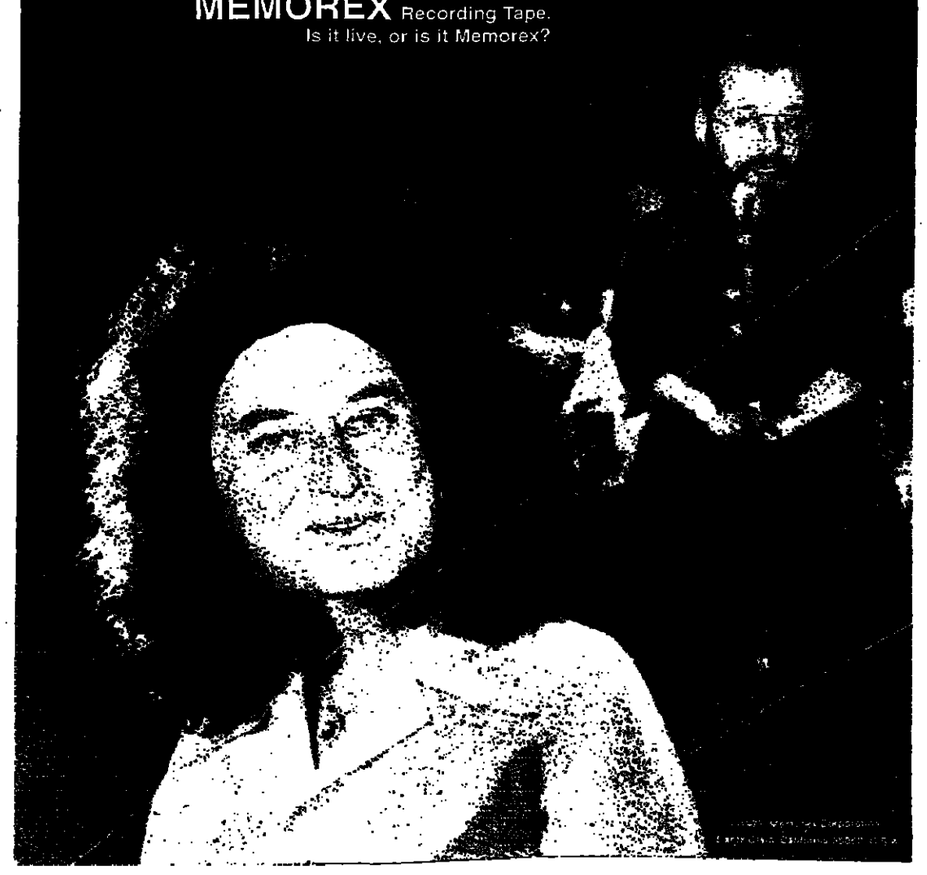
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Beware Histadrut rising

THAT the Histadrut is on the ascendant is undeniable. For decades it has languished in the center of Tel Aviv ignored by all. For many years Haim Haberfeld – if his driver was out using the car to distribute Labor Party propaganda – could walk down Rehov Arlosoroff unhampered. Now, a television crew dogs his every step.

Indeed, Haberfeld must be overjoyed that he is finally enjoying more media attention than his nemesis Haim Ramon, who these days is now seen in his true colors: Public Enemy No. 1 for the Senior Citizen. His hounding of a tired, gray-haired public servant close to retirement and still smarting from the vagaries of public opinion – and don't forget, this is the same public which made the egregious choice of Yitzhak Rabin and the Labor Party only two years ago – cannot but be seen as victimization.

And it is not just Haberfeld who has suddenly been thrust into the limelight. Who had heard of Adi Fasa just a few weeks ago? Until then, Fasa had been an unsuccessful promoter of Histadrut figures whose press releases were thrown straight into the trash can. Now any statement from him is guaranteed a major headline and any Labor politician he names can be sure his photograph will get Page 1 play the next day.

It is indeed a stroke of luck that GSS wiretappers removed the bug on Yossi Beilin's phone, thus missing the whole of the build-up to the Oslo accords, and concentrated on bugging the buggers who were bugging *Ma'ariv*, who were bugging the GSS, who were bugging *Yediot Aharonot*, who were bugging the Histadrut, who, it transpired, would have bugged Haim Ramon had they realized he was going to win the elections.

Self-hating journalists unmasked

I RUN THE MEDIA
DAVID BAR-NDOR

THAT the entire non-Jewish media of the world are hopelessly ignorant, antisemitic, hostile, dispeptic, Jew-baiting, Israel-bashing, and just plain unfair is a given, but for our very own Jerusalem Post to indulge in the same level of cretinous and misleading "fact" mongering is just too much, especially when it is done without regard to the most basic norms of good grammar, let alone good taste.

What the BBC or PBS do in their own self-promotion is their business (except, of course, when it really annoys me), but I am deeply disappointed by Post staffers seeming inability to follow the simple procedure of spell-czeching headlimes and tekst. This is particularly disturding in feature articles, where deadline pressures are knot as cute.

It is bed enough that some of us are unable to tell the difference between fare and fare, then and then, principle and prinsipal. And it is a shame that words are repeated, repeated, omitted or misplaced due to sheer sloppiness. But that simple, avoidable typos plague a paper equipped with a spell-Czech is incomprehensixvqle and unaccepted.

Newspapers don't give subeditors a by-line, and it must be tempting to hide behind the cloak of anonymity. But surely it is not only a by-line and a hefty salary which give them pride in their work. Nor can it be so terribly taxing on time and energy to press the Right buttons before they send down copy, just for the sake of maintaining pimple integrity.

We all make misteakes. But repeated failure to follow a simple procedure is not a misstake but a derefiction of duty. Every word, repeat *every ward* that goes into the newspaper must be spell-Czeched.

Failure to follow this procedures is a sign of professional incompetence and should be grounds for dismissile.

And one more thing.

Joke headlines often amuse the subeditors but prove offensive to our readers. Please let's put our readers first.

"No Pussy for Petah Tikva," might well capture the story about the failed attempt of the Organization for Environment and Quality of Life to place a cat on their list for the municipal elections in Petah Tikva, but it is not the type of headline we should have on the front page or anywhere else in the peeper.

It's his affair if he wants to eat beans

DEAR ROSIE
ROSIE BLOOMING



Dear Rosie,
When my husband began acting strangely a few months ago, I was sure he was having an affair. He would come home very late, would hardly talk to me, and wouldn't touch any food I prepared. He wouldn't touch me either.

When I finally confronted him. I was shocked by his response. He said he had decided to make a major change in his life, and was heavily into macrobiotics. He said he couldn't bear to be near anyone who eats dead animals.

I don't want to hurt him, but I'm a meat-and-potatoes person. Do you think there's hope for our marriage?

Mashed in Marriage
Nahariya

Dear MIM,

Normally, when a problem is so profound as to warrant professional help, I suggest therapy. In your case, however, consulting a nutritionist might be better. Your husband's secrecy and distance are worrisome and unbefitting the spirit of macrobiotic diets. I find it hard to believe your husband's nutritional guide encouraged him to shut you out, unless he's a charlatan.

If your husband is really undergoing a life change, you will have to decide whether you can or wish to give up eating rotting flesh.

Meanwhile, try seeing things from your husband's point of view. Lentils can be a real turn-on.

Dear Rosie,
I'm 45 and have had a beard since I finished the army. I keep it shaped and combed, but it's quite long.

My problem is that my wife says she can no longer bear a husband with a beard. She seems to have developed an allergy, after 20 years of marriage, and has violent giggling fits whenever we try to make love. She says the beard does it to her.

I can't bear the thought of shaving my beard, and I fear my wife will no longer be attracted to me when she sees my face for the first time. But I am completely unmanned by her allergy. What should I do?

Attacked By Allergy
Jerusalem

Dear AA,

Yours is a truly ticklish question. You might buy her a flannel nightie to protect her from your roving hairs.

Or, as it's high fashion right now, try wearing a mask, just to help her get used to your new look. That way, if she can't bear the naked truth about your face, you'll still have your beard.

And don't let your wife give you the feeling it's all in the hairs.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Rosie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Rosie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will laugh her head off at most of them.)



Pur Bagher, a recent immigrant from Timbuktu, grovels yesterday before 'Shushan Post' President and Publisher Yehuda Levity, upon being awarded a scholarship from the paper's Shalah Manes Me Not Fund. (AP)

Shmulevitz Unplugged

NEW RELEASES
ERSATZ ALLGASSY

THIS is probably the audio event of the year – Aryeh Deri key witness Ya'acov Shmulevitz in his haunting plaintive voice, singing the wiretap blues.

Shmulevitz got his start in the punk quartet Shas Snot, back in the late 1980s. That supergroup – which included Yair Levy on tuba, Zvi Yacobson on guitar, and Shlomo Dayan on drums – disbanded due to problems getting together for rehearsals due to parole conflicts. Shmulevitz later became a big star in Switzerland, where he is still one of the most requested artists on the Swiss police radio charts.

For his first solo project, Shmulevitz hooked up with the superb audio technicians of the GSS to create an aural masterpiece, which despite being panned in Shas circles, has shot straight to the top of the legal charts.

Producer Ya'acov Perry, ex-GSS Records head, lays off the heavy hand for once and provides the perfect setting for the Swiss Sensation to do his thing. The trills of birds chirping has never sounded so appealing.

It's unclear who actually engineered this masterpiece, but the police, the GSS, and Attorney-General's Office have already nominated the Sonic suspect for a grammy and are doing their best to track him down and work on some upcoming projects. These include the Histadrut-Labor Symphony Orchestra, conducted alternately by Yisrael Kessar and Haim Haberfeld, and the Ma'ariv Nimrodis, who already have had a string of independent Top 10 hits.

Shmulevitz has been presenting his show daily at Jerusalem District Court, until the Swiss demand for a series of sold-out shows over a period of 15-20 years became too attractive to turn down.

Strong rumors say he'll be back after Pessah for a standing-room-only return engagement.

Multi-lingual moron

OFF LINE
DAMPATI VRKSHASWAMI

TRANSLATE-O-MATIC Plus Professional 95 is a program designed to translate Hebrew into English and vice versa. It is produced by Yishayahu Geldhart Lev-Zahav, an ex-professor of theoretical linguistics from Tel Aviv University.

The program comes on 12 diskettes, takes up 170 Mb of hard disk space and requires 120Mb of RAM. It needs little maintenance, but is said to be partial to kippers for breakfast, and a couple of beers every evening.

The program, says the blurb on the box, uses the latest in artificial intelligence techniques, and will adjust the translation according to the context you supply, For example, if you tell the program that you are engaged in negotiations with the Syrians, it will translate the word "Shalom" as "hello" the first time the word occurs, "peace" the second time, and "goodbye" the third.

Add-ons are available for other languages, such as French, Spanish, Hittite, and Etruscan.

I started off with small phrases. First I wrote "hello" and the program answered *"pax vobiscum."* I didn't remember loading the Latin module, but it seems it is included as a freebie. Anyway, I reset the program to Hebrew, and tried again.

"Hello," I said, and the program answered *"Shalom."*

Next I tried a sentence: "My name is Fred". The computer answered, *"Shel ani [shem / kinui] [hu / ze / hi / zot] Pered."*

It occurred to me that it could have done better than that, so I tried another sentence: "I am sitting in my room writing on a computer". The computer replied *"Ani [unknown] b'heder makhshev [unknown]."*

Then I tried to be really clever: "I got up this morning." The great luminary answered *"Kibalti lema'ala [ze / zot] boker"*

"You are a moron," I told the computer, *"C'est la vie"* it answered.

When I tried, "I cupped my hands," what it replied was *"Ani kos shel ani yadim."*

I then tried to supply it with a Hebrew sentence to be translated into English. I started off with something simple: *"La-kova sheli shalosh pinot."* The computer replied "To the [hat / titfer] of me three [unknown]."

However, to my surprise, the only sentences it did translate correctly where certain type of relative clauses with prefixed superordination, in Sanskrit.

I phoned up the company, and after a short run-around was put through to Geldhart Lev-Zahav. I told him that I thought the program didn't work. His answer was informative, if unhelpful. "The instructions manual for the program makes it very clear, on page 329, appendix 8 footnote 14, that there may be some phrases which the program doesn't understand and which you have to add to its user expandable dictionary. I can send you the dictionary editor program for an extra 499 shekels not including VAT. What's more, if you write that in the *Post*, we will stop advertising and will take you to court." He hung up.

As this company advertises regularly in *The Shushan Post* I would like to point out that, despite all my criticism, this is a wonderful program, especially if your work contains lots of single syllable words, or if you are writing Hittite, Sanskrit, or certain dialects of Etruscan. And remember, it costs just a few thousand shekels more than that BMW you had your eye on.

NOSE IN BRIEF

MKs designate bestiality inquiry

The Knesset Labor Committee yesterday appointed a board of inquiry to probe allegations of bestiality against a senior official in the Attorney-General's Office. Rumors of "sheep fondling" during a visit to a religious kibbutz have been circulating about the official, ever since he sparked controversy at a recent committee hearing by comparing heterosexual behavior between consenting adults to bestiality.

Woman in Silly Hat held for assault

Esther Schwarzenegger, a founding member of the Women in Silly Hats, was arrested for assaulting and seriously wounding two border policemen yesterday outside the Prime Minister's Office during a demonstration against government policy on separating yin from yang. Schwarzenegger, 82, who holds a black belt in karate and whose hands are licensed as deadly weapons, was remanded by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court for 15 days.

Yair Leavearly denies taking advantage

Convicted embezzler and former MK Yair Leavearly yesterday denied media reports he was taking advantage of the terms of his five-year sentence allowing him to leave Ma'asiyahu Prison each morning to devote the day to religious study. "So what if they took pictures of me outside the yeshiva? Who says you can't study Torah at the stock market? Or at a casino? Or what's wrong with the movies? Come to think of it, who says you can't study Torah at a fancy restaurant? You gotta problem with that?"

Haredim volunteer to dig

Over 800 haredim have signed up as volunteers at some 30 archeological excavations for the coming season, Antiquities Authority spokesman Holly Pitt announced yesterday. This represents a new development in relations between the two groups, she said, and reflects the positive outcome of the recent excavation showdown in Jaffa. "Now that the haredim have accepted the authority's scientific judgment on whether a site is a Jewish cemetery or an animal graveyard, we can get on with more important things," said Pitt.

Chechnyan, Balkan conflicts resolved

The United Nations yesterday announced the settlement of the Chechnyan and Balkan conflicts, as the Chechnyan government announced it was disbanding and would reunite the province with Russia, while Belgrade announced the reunification of the entire former Yugoslavia, under the new name Slavoyugia.

World War III averted

Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein announced yesterday he was dismantling his country's entire hidden stock of nuclear and biological weapons, before stepping down and leaving Baghdad to take up the life of a desert nomad.

Winning Kurds

In yesterday's daily draw of foreign laborers, Kurdish guest workers numbered 15,638 and 18,467 won a double portion of rice; the additional lentils went unclaimed.

Dieting made easy

HEALTH SCUM
JUICY SEAGULL

OVEREATERS will be glad to know that locking the jaws in order to prevent the ingestion of solid foods will now be available without the necessity of a major operation.

Guttes Essen laboratories have developed a time-lock device which can close the jaws for up to six hours merely by typing in the appropriate code.

"After one eats breakfast, the clock can be set to open only at noon, and then again at 5 or 6 in the evening," said general manager I.M. Starving.

In between, the dieter can drink whatever he or she wants – except for milkshakes and beer, which will trigger an alarm that shuts down the esophagus.

There is also a varying time span that the jaws remain open, according to the type of food. Caesar salads and yoghurt will keep the jaws open for 15 minutes, while hot dogs and kugels will trigger a shutdown after only four minutes.

A kosher override is also available at extra cost. A fleishig lunch will keep the jaws shut for three hours regardless of the dieter's wishes.

If this device proves successful, researchers are hopeful that a similar setup for the brain can be worked out. A worker can be programmed to stop thinking after seven hours, unless his boss types in the appropriate overtime code.

IN SHUSHAN BARGAIN SUB-BASEMENT

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WANTED
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INTERESTING WORK – of all descriptions, varied and unusual positions. Call 056-00000.
GENERAL OFFICE WORK – answering not more than 17 phones simultaneously, filing, typing (English, French, Hebrew, Albanian and Danish), 80-hour week, flexible. Call Slave-Drivers Unlimited, 074-02935, 24 hrs.

PERSONALS
ABEL AND MABEL – Old City. Shabbat Shalom from your friends in Big Onion.
KENNY AND JENNY – Big Onion. Shabbat Shalom from your friends in Old City.
ABEL AND MABEL – Old City. Mazal tov on your addition no. 35, may you have many more. From your friends in Big Onion.
TO OUR FRIENDS IN BIG ONION – Lots of love from Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth.
APATHY CLUB – next meeting canceled due to lack of interest.

SUPPORT GROUPS
OVERSLEEPERS ANONYMOUS – meet weekly in Kfar Nirdam. Details, 042-87654, not before noon.

PETS
TAPEWORM – friendly, quiet, needs no special feeding, free to good home. 01-78610.
ALLIGATOR – loves children, great if you have noisy neighbors, will exchange for rottweiler or similar. 01-82683.

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in your moment of trial. We know you are innocent till proven guilty, certainly to the same extent as your still unindicted former colleagues and associates at the agency, the Histadirt, and the Labial Party.

WOMEN IN SILLY HATS

At a time when Haman is just as wicked as ever and Ahasuerus is thoroughly incapable of making a Right decision, even when he hasn't been drinking, it's certainly no time for Mordechai to be talking about a deal over the future of our eternal capital.

SHUSHAN MUST REMAIN UNDIVIDED!

Come in your dozens (up to four are allowed) to a mass demonstration tonight in Humantash Square! United we stand for an undivided capital!

هكذا من الأصل

Don't accept emotional blackmail

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,

My parents, who are in their seventies, never got along well. But now, they are downright hostile. When they're not at one another's throats, they don't speak for weeks on end. My sister, who lives a short drive from them, gets most of the flak.

As I live in Israel, the worst they can do is call me on the phone and complain. They insist that my sister and I owe it to them to figure out a solution, since they stayed together for our sake. The trouble is they reject any solution we offer. I'm so fed up that if it weren't for my sister, I'd just tell my parents to leave me out of their marriage. I have my own to worry about. How can I get them off my back?

Parent Perturbed
Kiryat Ono

Dear PP,

Your parents' decision to stay together for your sake is not your responsibility. Their use of this claim as emotional blackmail is successful as long as you and your sister permit it to be. Their marriage is no more of your business than yours is of theirs.

Obviously, extrication will be "easier said than done." So don't hang up on your parents when they call to complain. Instead, insist that they accept one of the solutions you've offered in the past. Be so forceful in your intent to help them separate, for example, that they will have no option but to go along with it or keep quiet.

Considering how long they've held on to a certain dynamic in their relationship, it is not likely that they really mean to alter it now.

Remember: Filial duty does not require participation in unhealthy family dynamics.

Dear Ruthie,

I am a divorced father of a six-year-old boy. My problem is that I am very interested in his first-grade teacher, whom I got to know through conversations about my son's adjustment to the divorce. I have made no moves yet, as I don't know if it is unethical. I also don't want her to think of me as some kind of lech. Must I put her out of my head, or is there a way I can go about it?

Parent of the Pupil
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Pupil's Pop,

I don't know of any code of ethics governing this situation, so I'm going to answer from the standpoint of your son. Adjusting to divorce is hard enough without the added confusion of seeing you and his teacher romantically involved. Furthermore, romantic involvements often end up failing. In this case, your son's relations with his teacher could end up being compromised.

If you continue to be attracted to this woman, however, you could indicate to her that when she ceases to be your boy's teacher, you would like to pursue your interest.

Dear Ruthie,

My husband has one habit which drives me up the wall. He stuffs the toilet paper he uses to blow his nose through the hole of the roll, instead of throwing it in the garbage. He does it without thinking, so telling him to stop has not helped. What can I do?

Weary Wife
Jerusalem

Dear WW,

Buy tissues. Then lock up the toilet paper in the bathroom – where he can't get to it "without thinking."

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received).

Spruce up for spring by painting bars

FIX IT YOURSELF

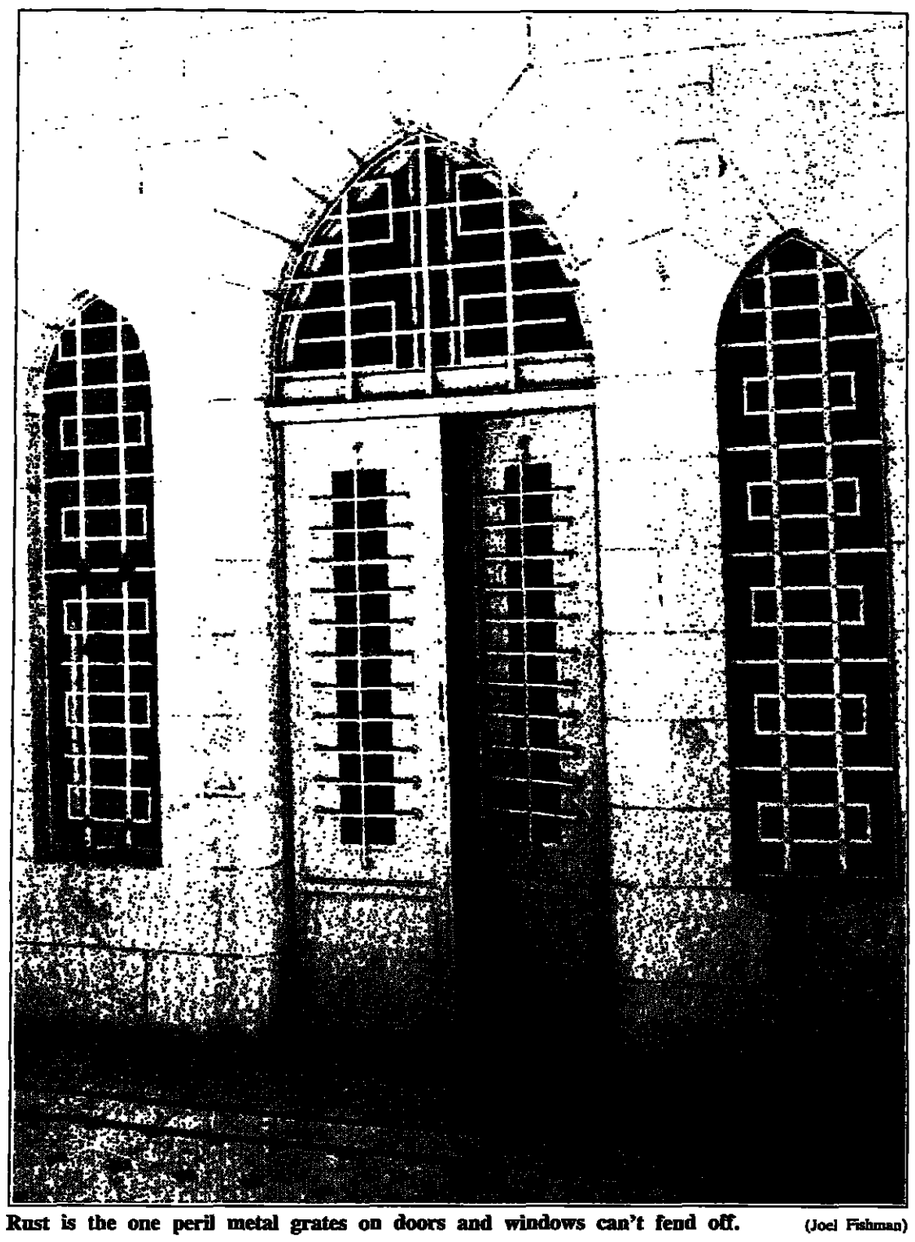
TAL KATZ

WITH winter making its exit, it's time for spring cleaning.

The amount of work to be done on your home will be in direct proportion to how ferocious a winter your house or apartment braved.

Refurbishing the iron bars on windows and doors is one project many of us will have to tackle – and not for decorative purposes alone. Bars guard against certain perils, but they, too, must be protected.

The villain here is corrosion. A glance at your metalwork will tell you if it's time for a touch-up.



Rust is the one peril metal grates on doors and windows can't fend off. (Joel Fishman)

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Rotating steel brush (*mivreshet plada mistovevet*), which comes in various sizes which fit any household drill (less than NIS 10 each; buy two).

Regular steel brush (*mivreshet plada*), with four rows of bristles; it looks like a giant toothbrush, and costs about NIS 3 (good for getting into difficult nooks and crannies, and can be used in addition to or instead of the rotating brush).

Safety goggles (*mishkafei magen*), costing NIS 5 to NIS 15.

Rubber gloves (*kfafot gumi*).

Putty knife (*shpachtel*), no wider than 5 cm.

Emery cloth (*bad shamir*), 40 to 80 grain, which comes in 25 cm. x 30 cm. sheets, about NIS 2 per sheet.

A 2.5 cm paintbrush, NIS 4 to NIS 8.

One-half liter of chemical rust remover (*messir haluda*), NIS 20 to NIS 30.

One-half liter of chemical paint remover (*messir tzeva*), costing NIS 12 to NIS 15 (also comes in spray form, but gel is better for precision; a more costly product, at about NIS 35, claims to give off no harmful fumes).

Paint (*tzeva*). Though cheaper (per ml.) to buy larger quantities of paint than smaller, it is easier to perform this job while holding the can, so I prefer the ½-liter cans.

ONE METHOD for painting bars is to remove old paint and rust, to paint first with primer (*tzeva yesod*), and finally a couple of coats of regular paint for wood or metal (Superlac).

Another is to remove rust and paint, and then to paint over with "Hammerite," a brand of paint which claims to make rust removal and primer unnecessary. A third is to paint directly with "Hammerite."

There are two kinds of primer: red, which is an iron oxide (*tahmotzet barzel*), and gray, which contains zinc (*avatz*). In my experience, zinc-based paint is more effective for rust prevention.

As different climates cause different rates and degrees of corrosion, you should choose the method best suited to where you live. Humidity and salt are major catalysts, so if you live in the coastal region, you can't be too overzealous in your maintenance.

For drier areas, "Hammerite" is probably sufficient in itself, although I suggest removing old rust before painting in any case.

(When reading the directions below, keep in mind that it is possible to choose *either* the steel brush method or the chemical removal method, rather than performing both. Usually some combination of the two is called for.)

Note: Read all labels very carefully, especially when using paint and rust removers, as they contain harmful chemicals.

DIRECTIONS

Wearing gloves, apply paint remover according to instructions on the label. Emphasis should be placed on the points of welding (the "joints" where bars have been attached to other bars). It is not necessary to remove paint from the entire surface of the bars. Upon application, the paint will "bubble" and begin to come unstuck. After waiting 15 to 20 minutes (or as otherwise specified on the label), scrape off old paint with the putty knife.

Wearing gloves, apply rust remover where rust is visible, according to instructions on the label. Take extra care around points of welding.

Wash with water as directed on the label.

Attach the steel brush to the drill. (In the absence of a drill, use the regular steel brush.) At high speed, smooth over vulnerable areas (points of welding and crannies).

While using the rotating steel brush, wear goggles to protect your eyes from flying particles. If you choose not to use chemical removers, you can start the job with this step, but it will require more elbow grease.

With the regular steel brush, scrape in hard-to-reach spots missed by the drill attachment.

With emery cloth, sand over flat areas treated above.

Using a small paintbrush or dust brush, remove all dust on the bars. If a *hamsin* (with sand blowing in the air) is predicted, hold off on the following steps until the air clears.

Paint a coat of primer over all stripped areas. Hold the can in one hand and the brush in the other, using the edge of the can to scrape off excess paint after dipping the brush.

Use up-down strokes, except when getting into or behind curved sections, where you will need to "dab" and "smear" in various directions with the brush. If you are using "Hammerite," skip the primer, and apply according to instructions on the label.

Allow primer to dry before applying a coat of regular paint. Now you will be painting all of the bars uniformly. Drying time will depend on the weather. A second coat of regular paint will probably be required.

Note: The paintbrush should be kept in a small container filled with turpentine when not in use.

MARK ROBINSON of Kibbutz Tirat Zvi points out that the rubber sleeve on the rear of the toilet ("Fix It Yourself," March 2) is known as a *manschette* (from the German for "sleeve"). There are two types: for toilets with a tank (*nee'agara*) and for tankless toilets.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

A story of bonding and well-kept secrets

BOOKS

CAROLE GOLDBERG

HILDA AND PEARL, by Alice Mattison. William Morrow. 293 pp. $22.

HERE is another valuable addition to the growing stack of novels that explore the complicated intimacies of women's friendships.

Hilda and Pearl asks a lot, both of its characters and its readers. At Hilda and Pearl, two rather ordinary women living out otherwise ordinary lives, from the Depression through the McCarthy years, she throws two shattering personal crises. At her readers, she throws the challenge of accepting that any friendship could survive those calamities. It's a testament to Mattison's skill as a writer that the friendship prevails and the reader believes.

The novel begins and ends on a sultry day at a bungalow colony at a lake in New York state where escapees from the gritty streets of Brooklyn come to relax amid the pines and mosquitoes. Among them are Hilda Levinson, her husband Nathan and daughter Frances. Visiting are Nathan's brother, Mike Lewis, his wife Pearl and their son Simon.

The men are temperamental opposites. Nathan, a history teacher, is dignified, deliberate and dogged in his socialist beliefs, which are about to cost him dearly in a McCarthyite purge at his school. Only once does he do something wild, and that act reverberates throughout the novel.

Mike, a sax player turned stenographer anglicized his Jewish surname. He is fierce, irascible and dogmatic in his opinions, which are almost always at odds with those of his older brother.

Although Nathan and Mike are the blood relatives, it's Hilda and Pearl who have the real bond. Hilda is older, darker, dumpier and moodier. Pearl is younger, blonder, taller and easier. They've grown into their relationship over the years and are as inextricably linked as sun and shadow.

And they've had plenty of both. They are thrown together in the 1920s, when newlyweds Mike and Pearl make their first home with nothing more than two twin beds and a dresser in Nathan and Hilda's tiny living room. They learn to make a good pot roast and to deal with a difficult mother-in-law. They work together at a factory that makes women's blouses. They and the young men they know agonize over whether Americans should fight against the Fascists in the Spanish Civil War.

They live in an era when earnest young people hauled themselves up the status ladder, leaving behind their immigrant parents and entering the middle class through civil service and business.

By the '50s, they've abandoned pot roast for frozen french fries, but they haven't forgotten the words to "I Dreamed I Saw Joe Hill Last Night."

Much of their story is told by Frances, a solemn 11-year-old, who discovers that her mother has a surprising secret. Frances never learns the whole truth, or that Pearl has shocking secrets, too. But the reader does, as heartbreaking events are revealed that link Hilda, Pearl, Nathan and Mike in unexpected ways.

Mattison is so meticulous in creating the milieu and the characters who move through it, that many readers will say, "Yes. People are like that. Yes, it could have happened that way."

(The Hartford Courant)

Mastering Misty: Novel way to train a problem pooch

LIFE-STYLE

AVA CARMEL

I PREFER cats. They purr, they're independent, they're cuddly, and they're clean.

Our family has a dog. Her name is Misty and she's a Marima, a white Italian dog resembling a Labrador. She hates cats.

Misty, whose smile and snarl are virtually indistinguishable, bites. Well, we would prefer to say that she doesn't exactly bite – she gnaws, chomps, snaps, and fastens her jaws on sleeves and pant legs. But when she tore a sizable hole in a neighbor's jeans and a smaller hole in his right shin, we had to admit that she bites.

I must also confess she bit our son about three years ago, but he was teasing her. Over the years we have justified every instance of our dog's abhorrent behavior. Our last dog, a German shepherd, also bit. And by no strange coincidence, my husband David would also bite if he had slightly less self-control.

What does one do with a seven-year-old dog that bites? Last time she nipped someone, I threatened to get rid of her, and all three children collectively threatened to run away from home. We kept the dog – and the children. This time I put my paw down. Something had to be done.

From our moshav's veterinarian, we got the name of Amnon Shur, a dog trainer. We phoned him and were informed that old dogs can learn new tricks – at NIS 100 per hour. We made an appointment.

The next evening we towed a suspicious Misty by the leash to the car and drove to the dog trainer. Leaving Misty in the car, we walked to his house. In the yard were two dogs. The closed gate featured a sign reading: "Beware – dog bites!"

"Let's go home," I suggested. "If *his* dog still bites, how can he train Misty?"

David called out, and Amnon's wife told us to come on in. We opened the gate with trepidation, but the two dogs just inspected us, barely lifting their noses off the ground.

Amnon arrived home a few minutes later. When he came in, one of his dogs, a Border collie, followed him. "*Hutza!*" he commanded, and the dog backed meekly out the door. I was suspicious. Was this trick just for show? Amnon announced that he had seen Misty in the car, given her the once-over and pronounced her a "fraidy-cat." David was hurt.

The dog trainer then took a case history of our family, to establish just where in the pecking order Misty fitted in. David told him how Misty should have been named "Davka," because she always does the opposite of what we want. Yes, she'll come if we call her to eat. But if one of us calls her for any other reason, she just looks at us and runs away. Not only is she disobedient, she's also telepathic. She always knows when we want to do something negative to her, like dust her with flea powder, in which case she disappears.

David then bragged about how proud Misty is and how she is neither servile nor submissive. Dogs should have self-respect, he emphasized. I was beginning to understand where the problem was. So was Amnon, who interrupted to explain that a dog fights for its pride in relation to other dogs, while in the family it should be at the very bottom of the pecking order, below the youngest child. If the dog thinks it is one of the most powerful members of the family, of course it will misbehave.

He went on to explain how a dog doesn't understand good and bad, but can understand what is worth its while to do and what isn't. That's how we train a dog. We teach him that it isn't worth it to disobey or to bite.

To assert his superiority over another dog, a dog gets the other dog on his back and stands over him, teeth at his throat until the underdog surrenders. Amnon explained that the way we assert our superiority over a disobedient dog is to choke it into submission.

This sounded terribly cruel. After hearing numerous stories about vicious dogs which were choked into obedience, we were told that there wasn't much hope for Misty, because she was too old. It would be better if we gave her away, he said.

"The children would be devastated," David cried out.

"You would be devastated," I corrected.

"Who would want a dog that bites?" he asked in desperation.

"The police," Amnon replied.

Resigned to the fact that we couldn't keep her, we drove sadly home, feeling guilty as Misty stood, panting, behind us, sensing something was wrong.

The next day, when a visitor came to the house and Misty growled at her, David picked her up and gave her a squeeze around the neck.

She got the message and suddenly became obedient, coming when called, acting the pussycat. This good behavior went on for days, until she began to revert to her old self, running away when called, and snarling whenever anyone came to the door. Again David lightly choked her and she became obedient.

It has been about three weeks since the visit to the dog trainer. Misty stays locked in the yard all day, in the house in the evening, and is only let out late at night. So if you plan to come on a surprise visit after 11 p.m., be careful.

David is convinced that, in time, Misty will get the message and become permanently obedient. I have my doubts. What I do know is, the next dog we get goes to the dog trainer as a puppy.

I have also learned another lesson from this experience, and that is to question not only how we raised our dog, but how we brought up our children.

I'm certainly not advocating choking them, but do they really know who's boss? Do they come when called? Will they bite when they're older?

Sometimes they act as if they were at the top of the family pecking order.

I still prefer cats.

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CID consortium wins shopping channel tender

JUDY SIEGEL

A CONSORTIUM of nine companies won the Communications Ministry's tender for running the country's first "shopping channel" on cable TV.

The channel will offer products throughout the country 24 hours a day that can be purchased by phone using credit cards.

The consortium, called CID, is comprised of Export Investments, Clal Trade, Israel Investments, VIA TV, GG Israel Studios, Good Deal Trade and Marketing, Eri Steimatzky, Dahaf and Gad Propper.

CID edged out three other bidders – the Green Channel, Mall in Your Living Room (*Canion besalon)*, and Kanot.

CID's shareholders have committed to invest $2 million in share capital and a further $2m. in shareholders' loans.

The Cable Broadcasting Council said the consortium was chosen unanimously.

Meir Dayan of the CID consortium said dissatisfied customers could return the merchandise within 30 days and get their money back.

By the second year of operation, the consortium expects sales to reach NIS 100m. annually.

Surveys indicate the public is most interested in buying housewares, electrical goods, do-it-yourself products and car accessories via the shopping channel.

It will especially benefit residents of outlying areas, who have less access to malls, Dayan said.

Tadiran suffers drop in net profits

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN, a subsidiary of Koor Industries, completed the year with a 36.8 percent fall in net profits to $39.4 million from $62.3m. in 1993.

The drop reflected a plunge in fourth quarter net earnings to $5.1m. from $17.3m. during the same priod in 1993 and cut-backs in Elisra, a subsidiary company.

Management emphasized that 1993 fourth quarter net profits included an $11.4m. one-time capital gains, hwile the company did not register any capital gains in the fourth quarter last year.

Tadiran blamed the fall in last year's profitability mainly on $10m. in losses for Elisra.

Management said the losses were due to the company's implementation of a recovery plan involving the firing of 157 workers.

Tadiran managing director Israel Zamir, who took over from Gurion Meltzer in October 1994, said the company's performance was also hindered by a significant rise in wage costs and the increase in the Consumer Price Index, which pushed up raw material costs.

Last year Tadiran invested $63.2m. in research and development, compared with $48.2m. in the previous year.

The company also increased its selling and marketing expenses during the year, mainly in an effort to enter new export markets.

As a result, selling expenses rose to $73.2m. from $61.9m.

Sales went up 10% to $863m. from $784m. The company attributed the increase to a rise in export sales of civilian communication products, batteries, software products and increased Sincgars sales to the US army.

Sales to the commercial market increased to 63.7% from 61.8% in the previous year. Export sales to the commercial market increased 56.5% to $163.7m., while defense market exports increased 13.6% to $209.2m.

Operating income fell 14.1% to $58.6m. from $68.3m. in the previous year.

At the end of 1994, Tadiran's backlog of orders went up to $786.5m. from $585.2m. in the previous year.

The company received orders of $1.1b. last year. But, in the fourth quarter, the company's backlog of orders fell to $165.7m. from $179.9m.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank Otzar Hahayal has approved NIS 41 million for small business in the framework of its small business fund. The bank has so far approved 506 of the 907 requests for credit to the fund and allocated NIS 25m. to 400 entrepreneurs. The fund was established in 1993 in partnership with the agency.

Mizrahi, Chinese banks agree to cooperate: United Mizrahi Bank and Chinese banks have agreed to cooperate in commercial financing and other banking fields. United Mizrahi Bank said the issue was discussed with the Chinese commercial attache in Israel.

Toys "R" Us to attend Isra-Toy exhibition: Representatives of retail giant Toys "R" Us will attend next week's Isra-Toy exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. The company intends to study the local toy market and make an initial order for the first Israeli branch, which is scheduled to open this summer. Businessman Leon Koffler of SuperPharm is the local licensee for Toys "R" Us.

Feuchtwanger Industries wins NIS 47 million IEC contract: Feuchtwanger Industries has been awarded a NIS 47 million Israel Electric Corporation contract. The company will supply low voltage compact switching boards to the IEC this year. Feuchtwanger previously won a NIS 30m. IEC contract, also to be delivered this year.

Clal subsidiary Malam Systems has won a NIS 7 million contract to provide the Israel Electric Corporation with a geographic information system.

Topap Industries to buy Goldfrost's properties: Potato food manufacturer Topap Industries will purchase Goldfrost's properties and refrigeration units for $4.69 million. Topap has up until now rented the facility, located in Kiryat Malachi. Sunfrost holds 50 percent of Topap.

WORLD BRIEFS

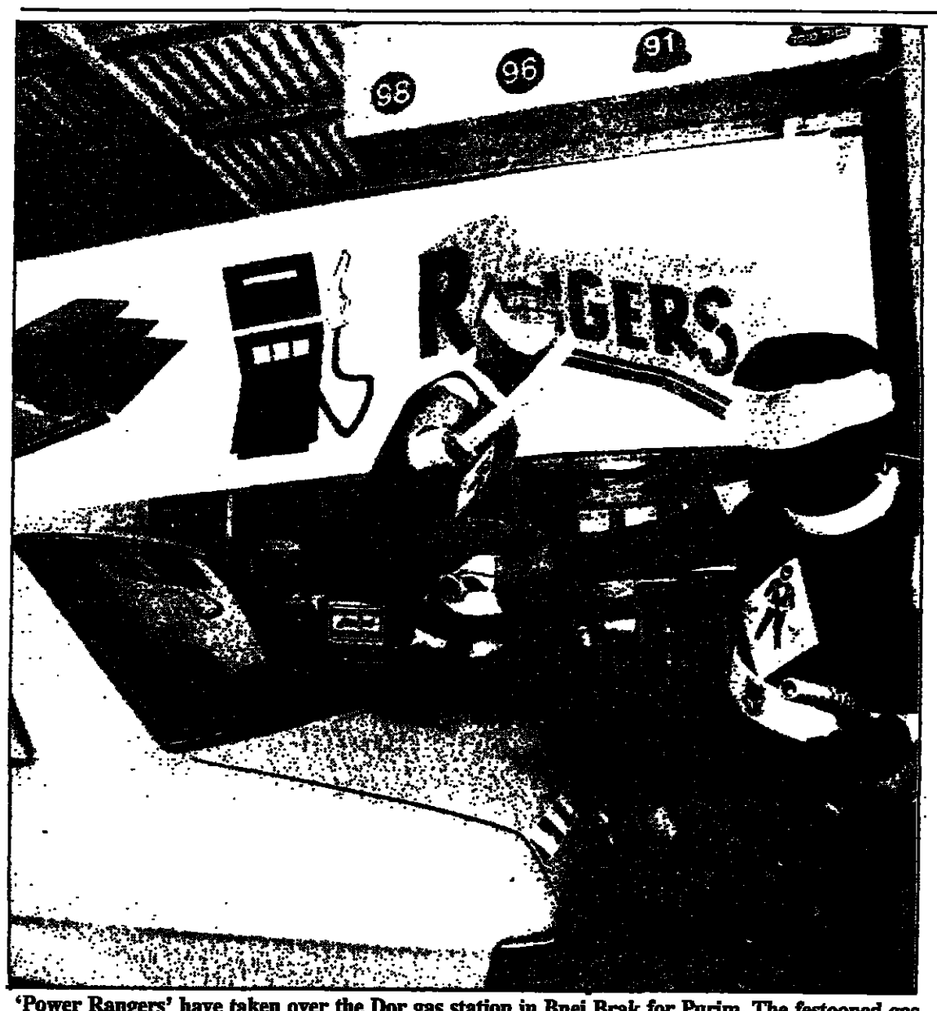
US wholesale prices up 0.3% in February: Wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent last month, reflecting higher costs for food, prescription drugs and the largest increase in home-heating oil in 12 months. The rise in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index was slightly higher than had been expected. *AP*

Northern Electric agrees to new Trafalgar bid: Britain's Northern Electric, which clung to its independence last week when a takeover bid by Trafalgar House failed, yesterday said it would agree to the conglomerate making a new bid within a year. The news pushed Northern's shares up 44 pence to 833 pence, but a spokesman for the regional electricity company said Trafalgar's revised bid of £9.50 pounds a share, which Northern rejected on Friday, was still too low. *Reuter*

SBC suffers 41% drop in annual group net profit: Swiss Bank Corporation yesterday reported a 41 percent fall in group net profit last year to SFr 811 million, mainly due to lower trading income, but predicted profit would recover this year. *Reuter*

British unemployment falls 27,400 last month: British unemployment fell 27,400 in February to 2.36 million, or 8.4 percent of the workforce, the 13th month in succession that the jobless total has fallen, official figures showed yesterday.

The volume of retail sales, a key indicator of economic activity in Britain, rose 1.2% in February from January. The jobless rate in January was 8.5%. *Reuter*



'Power Rangers' have taken over the Dor gas station in Bnei Brak for Purim. The festooned gas station, with costumed service attendants, has turned into a major attraction. Traffic jams have formed at the station's entrance as drivers not only fill their tanks, but also want to take their picture with the attendants.

Shareholders for Martin Marietta, Lockheed approve $10 billion merger

CHICAGO (AP) – Shareholders for Martin Marietta Corp. and Lockheed Corp. overwhelmingly approved yesterday the $10 billion merger of two of the US's largest defense contractors, allowing the deal to close.

The new company, Lockheed Martin Corp., would have annual sales of about $23b. and employ 170,000 people – before a restructuring expected to take place by June 30 that could cost thousands of jobs, company officials said.

"Starting today, we're one very proud new company," said Norman Augustine, president of Lockheed Martin.

Lockheed and Martin Marietta, the second and third-largest Pentagon contractors, had a combined $11.6b. in contracts in 1993. McDonnell Douglas Corp. ranked first.

They began merger talks after it became clear the end of the Cold War would mean drastically fewer Defense Department contracts, which accounted for 63 percent of their combined sales.

The merger progressed in January after the two firms agreed to an antitrust settlement with the Federal Trade Commission.

Under terms of the merger, former Lockheed shareholders will receive 1.63 shares of Lockheed Martin stock for each Lockheed share. Martin Marietta shareholders will receive stock in the new company on a one-for-one basis.

Lira falls to record low against mark

MILAN (Reuter) – The Italian lira slid to a record low against the German mark of 1,220.00 yesterday on fears that Prime Minister Lamberto Dini's government would be toppled in a confidence vote, dealers said.

The currency was knocked down by news that media magnate Silvio Berlusconi and his Freedom Alliance would oppose Dini in today's vote in the lower Chamber of Deputies.

The currency then steadied slightly to 1,214.00 to the mark after opening around 1,185.00 in Europe yesterday morning.

Dini called the confidence vote on his 20 trillion lira ($12.3 million) budget to strip away a series of amendments that would have blunted its impact on state finances.

The budget has already been approved by the Senate, but Dini has no outright majority in the chamber. He was only able to take office in late January after the Freedom Alliance abstained in the lower house vote on his government.

Defeat for Dini would almost certainly lead to elections being called and delay any action to rein in a state deficit which is again overshooting its target.

'Budget cut will hurt chances for industry to get state R&D funds'

JOSE ROSENFELD

INDUSTRIES will face tougher criteria to qualify for government research and development funds as a result of a cut in this year's R&D budget, Industry and Trade Ministry chief scientist Shuki Gleitman announced this week.

Gleitman said research funds were slashed by 17 percent in real terms, from NIS 950 million last year to NIS 920m.

He has asked the Treasury to increase the budget by NIS 200m. to keep up with projected requirements.

"This is a blow to industry, which gives the economy a chance to compete," said Gleitman.

Even under the tougher criteria, should the Treasury fail to increase the research and development budget, "we'll have to close down by August," he said.

Treasury spokesman Eli Yoseph said the cabinet voted on this year's budget priorities and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish was aware of the cuts to his ministry's budget at the time.

"We are not going to negotiate budget requests over the media," Yoseph said. "There are procedures for submitting such requests for consideration."

He pointed out that Gleitman's request will have to compete with demands for more money for defense, health and other areas.

Mutual fund managers name Teva most popular stock

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TEVA was the most popular stock among mutual funds last year, according to a survey of managers conducted by the investment firm Meitav.

Meitav questioned nine of the largest mutual fund managers, who manage assets of about NIS 18.3 billion – representing about 92 percent of the sector's total assets.

Not even one share appeared in all nine of the fund managers' lists of the 10 most popular shares. Teva appeared in seven of the nine lists.

Cables of Zion suffers NIS 4 million net loss in '94

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

CABLES of Zion reported a NIS 4 million net loss last year, compared with a NIS 12.75m. net gain in 1993.

Revenues fell to NIS 189.8m. from NIS 223.35m.

Fourth quarter net profits fell slightly to NIS 2m. from NIS 2.1m. in the same period in 1993.

Fourth quarterly revenues rose 56% to NIS 74.1m. from NIS 47.5m.

● **Pri Ha-Emek** suffered a net loss of NIS 1.3m. for the fourth quarter, compared with a net loss of NIS 333,000 in 1993.

Revenues rose to NIS 29m. from NIS 18.9m.

Annual net profits fell to NIS 1.8m. from NIS 4.5m. in 1993.

Revenues went up to NIS 109.6m. from NIS 102.25m.

Exports represented only 43% of Pri Ha-Emek business last year, declining from 51% in 1993.

● **Negev Ceramics** announced annual net losses of NIS 2.8m., compared with a net gain of NIS 1.12m. in the previous year.

Revenues rose to NIS 104.1m. from NIS 98.34m.

Fourth quarter net losses were NIS 1.5m. last year, compared with net losses of NIS 695,000 in 1993.

Revenues rose to NIS 26.4m. from NIS 21.5m.

● **Inter Gamma** posted a drop in annual net profits to NIS 7.2m. from NIS 8.9m. in 1993, while earnings per share fell to NIS 2.31 from NIS 2.85.

Revenues rose to NIS 254m. from NIS 251m.

Fourth quarter net profits went up to NIS 1.48m. from NIS 1m. during the same period in 1993.

Revenues rose to NIS 61.9m. from NIS 52.38m.

● **Ordan Industries** reported an increase in fourth quarter net profits to NIS 3.5m. from NIS 3.4m. during the same period in 1993.

Revenues fell to NIS 38m. from NIS 44m.

Annual net profits fell to NIS 11m. from NIS 14.9m. in 1993, while earnings per share dropped to NIS 0.53 from NIS 0.71.

Revenues fell to NIS 160.5m. from NIS 185.8m.

● **Development's** annual net profits plunged to NIS 20,000 from NIS 4.7m. in 1993.

The company posted fourth quarter net losses of NIS 546,000

Revenues were NIS 157,000.

● **Sahar Development and Investment** announced a drop in annual net profits to NIS 2.5m. from NIS 5m. in 1993.

Revenues fell to NIS 21.56m. from NIS 25.4m.

Fourth quarter net profits dipped to NIS 1.5m. from NIS 1.6m. Revenues were stable at NIS 5.9m.

ABJAC, TP&H agree to provide natural gas

RACHEL NEIMAN

ABJAC (Israel) and Technology Power and Heat (TP&H) have signed an agreement to provide natural gas for steam-driven electric power.

The partners' first client is woven plastic factory Palrig of Kibbutz Neot Mordechai.

Abjac (Israel) is the parent company of the Abjac Mazal partnership.

According to the agreement, which is the first of its kind, Abjac and TP&H will supply 200,000 cubic feet per day of natural gas from the Hula Valley to Palrig.

The factory will use the fuel to produce some 1.4 megawatts daily of supplemental electric power, primarily during peak consumption hours.

Abjac will set up a 500,000 cubic feet gas storage facility – which can be enlarged, if necessary – at the Esther 4 site located near the kibbutz.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (15.3.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.375	5.500	6.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.825	5.125	6.000
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.500	3.625	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.500	2.750	3.250
Yen (10 million yen)	0.750	0.625	0.825

(Rates very higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (15.3.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3980	3.4440	—	—	3.4280
U.S. dollar	2.9384	2.9799	2.89	3.03	2.9870
German mark	2.0947	2.1142	2.05	2.15	2.1022
Pound sterling	4.6550	4.7208	4.57	4.79	4.7061
French franc	0.5877	0.5960	0.57	0.61	0.5931
Japanese yen (100)	3.2497	3.2956	3.20	3.35	3.2875
Dutch florin	1.8574	1.8836	1.83	1.92	1.8734
Swiss franc	2.5050	2.5404	2.48	2.58	2.5294
Swedish krone	0.4052	0.4110	0.40	0.42	0.4086
Norwegian krone	0.4669	0.4735	0.46	0.48	0.4718
Danish krone	0.5187	0.5260	0.51	0.53	0.5245
Finnish mark	0.6638	0.6793	0.66	0.69	0.6775
Canadian dollar	2.0804	2.1096	2.05	2.15	2.0999
Australian dollar	2.1929	2.2233	2.17	2.29	2.2135
S. African rand	0.8110	0.8224	0.74	0.83	0.8185
Belgian franc (10)	1.0093	1.0236	0.99	1.04	1.0167
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9588	3.0006	2.91	3.05	2.9873
Italian lira (1000)	1.7428	1.7674	1.71	1.81	1.7625
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.17	4.43	4.2280
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.84	0.89	0.9049
ECU	3.8170	3.8709	—	—	3.8548
Irish punt	4.6221	4.6874	4.51	4.79	4.6760
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2844	2.3166	2.22	2.38	2.3072

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		Change
US dollar	NIS 2.9670	-0.54%
Sterling	NIS 4.7061	-0.73%
Mark	NIS 2.1022	-0.60%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4040.45	-9.3
DJ Transport	1570.31	-6.52
DJ Utils	188.24	-0.46
DJ Comp	1349.7	-3.74
NYSE Industr	336.69	-0.45
NYSE Transpor	242.76	-1.23
NYSE Comp	256.22	-0.31
S&P 100	461.47	-0.88
S&P Spot Index	482.15	-0.74
AMEX Comp	454.8	-0.69

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+811	1002	1135
Volume up (in 1000's)		139331	
Volume down (in 1000's)		151480	

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3049.2	-2.4
Tokyo Nikkei average	16666.8	+421
Singapore all-share index	496.98	0
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	8365.21	+270.63
Israel Index	128.74	+1.67

Israeli stocks in NY

NYSE / AMEX	Last	Change
Am Is Pap	49.125	+1
Ampal A	8	+0.25
Any	1.125	-0.125
BioTechnology	3.3125	-0.03125
Carmel Cont	8	0
Frutstrom (electrochem)	3.625	+0.125
Elscint	1.875	+0
Etz Lavud	7.25	+0.25
Etz Lavud A	5.875	+0
Laser T.	5.5	+0.25
PEC	22.75	+1.125
Tadiran	17.875	-0.125
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Medis-Al	1.5	0
Mercury	16.25	-0.25
Magic	5	+0
Orbotech	12.3125	-0.25
Oshap Tech	2.1875	0
Rada	3.75	+0.125
Robomatics	0.5	0
Sapiens	3.3125	+0.4375
Scitex	18	+0
Silicom	3.75	+0.25
T.A.T. Technol	2.56	+0
Tam Vit	6.75	-0.25
Teledata	9	+0
Telegraph	2.125	+0
Tower Semicond	19	-0.5
Teva	30.4375	+0.5625
TVG	1	+0

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5987	+0.0119
	Jun.future (CME)	1.5956	+0.0126
D-mark:	spot	1.3903	-0.0228
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7209	+0.0125
S-franc:	spot	1.1529	-0.0222
	Jun.future (CME)	0.870	+0.0175
Yen:	spot	89.45	-1.25
	Jun.future (CME)	0.011272	+0.0000145
CanDlr:	spot	1.4119	-0.0021
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7043	+0.0009
AusDlr:	spot	0.7463	-0.0001
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7432	+0.0022
F-franc:	spot	4.9439	-0.0664
It Lira:	spot	1691	+8.5
Nig:	spot	1.5589	-0.0288
AdiShig:	spot	0.825	-0.13
Rand:	spot	3.5256	-0.0026
ECU:	spot	1.313	+0.0162
Bonds	future	104.2	-0.02
S and P	future	492.25	-1

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	6.25	0
Dollar	6 months	6.4375	0
Dollar	12 months	6.75	0
Sterling	3 months	8.625	-0.125
Sterling	6 months	7.9625	-0.125
Sterling	12 months	7.5875	-0.125
S-franc	3 months	3.6875	0
S-franc	6 months	3.575	0
S-franc	12 months	4.1875	0
D-mark	3 months	5.6563	0
D-mark	6 months	5.1875	0
D-mark	12 months	5.5312	0
Yen	3 months	2.1875	0
Yen	6 months	2.1875	0
Yen	12 months	2.1875	0

(Spot market fixings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (CEC)	1358	+13
Coffee (May) (CEC)	178.8	-3.6
Sugar no.11 (May.) (CEC)	13.87	-0.43
Wheat (May) (CBOT)	346.5	+4.75
Orange juice (May)(CEC)	108.2	+2.85
Crude oil light (Apr)(CEC)	18.11	+0.17

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (LCE)	992	+4
Coffee (May) (LCE)	3210	+0
Brent crude oil (Apr)(IPE)	1857	+12

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	386.05	+0.2
Silver:	spot	4.74	+0.04

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Apr)	387.2	+0.5
Silver (May)	4.762	+0.042
Platinum (Apr.)	423.6	+0.6
Palladium (Jun.)	164.45	+0.95
High-grade copper (May)	1.389	-0.009

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	388.6	+1.4
Gold PM fix	386.15	+1.45
Silver fix	473	+1.2
Platinum PM fix	424.75	+2.75

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

(Spot market listings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

Commstock Trading Ltd. (Date 15-MAR-95)

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FrstInW2	599	8.7
General	9941	
IndDevGD		
IndDvPrD		
MarkC	160.50	1.3
MerchanC		
OHH	129168	
Trade	638	
TradeC	153.00	1.3

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Azrarim	285320	4.0
Carmel	597	8.0
CarmC3	291	0.4
DevelAB	15708	
FirstMB	33368	0.5
IndepMB	58895	10.0
J IsrbC	122.50	0.4
JoshBnk	217	
LeumiMBR	41541	2.0
Mizrhv	6078	
TefahotR	152512	

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shilon	7423	0.5

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsraelIn1	678	1.2
Aranit	1719	
Ayalon	582	
AyelonC		
Elcon	305	4.1
ElitanC1	191.00	0.5
Hadar1	788	2.5
Hadar5	739	2.8
HamishmrC	185.00	0.3
Hamshmr1	1070	-5.2
Hamshmr5	982	0.5
Menorah1	788	5.1
Menorah5	756	5.4
Phoenix1	1958	4.3
Phoenix5	1957	7.2
Shalun	853	-0.5
Zion5	9539	5.0

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	270	1.9
Ishkiva	701	1.0
Baran	1788	0.5
BezekW2	104.00	1.5
BndWrhC1	135.00	
BndWrhC2	126.50	
BondWrn1 L	2969	4.0
Clicpo 1	30000	1.5
Clal Comp	10071	-1.0
ClalCmpC	151.50	
CorSeach	1288	0.6
Crystal	1855	9.0
DanHot1	1576	1.0
DCL	701	4.9
Elad	125.00	7.3
Feldman	109.50	
GanHador	222	2.3
GanHad1	205	0.5
GlispG2	185.00	
GranitC1	106.50	
GranitW2	91.50	2.2
HGitC1	131.50	0.8
HGitW1	90.00	8.4
HGit1	305	2.0
Intgema1	3004	
Intgema5	2764	
Lkizz	1185	
Mdfi	1104	
Meotech	405	4.1
MeotechW	486	4.9
MLLC1	185.50	-0.6
MLL1	410	4.1
Rapac	1538	
Rashel	76.50	4.8
RashelC1	111.00	
Team	2262	
TeamC1	160.00	
Telsys	964	1.0
Toptine	347	2.1
Yaad	525	1.9
YaadC1	117.50	1.7
Ysana	1707	5.0
Yzdat	957	
Yona	350	2.6

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	140.50	-0.4
electracp	1868	
Imco	390	0.9
scitog	374	
veltger	151.50	
yarnsdast	448	
AclersC	113.50	0.4
Alliance	988	-1.0
Alony	200	-2.9
Alumit11L	9814	10.0
Angel	9687	
Argaman	378	0.3
Arye	357	
AryeC1	72.50	0.7
Ashply	1448	
AstpArc1	174.50	
Ashtrom	399	2.5
Atzmon	344	
AtzmonW1	132.00	7.0
Azimuth	378	5.0
Belmon	464	5.9
BoutiqC1	192.00	0.3
CablesC3	139.50	0.4
CablesW3	361	
Canalins	552	4.7
Cargal	960	
Casino	1137	0.3
Cham	527	
ClalSrC	232	2.7
ClalSpc1	2006	
Clfnd C8	171.00	
Cyclone1	7491	2.5
Cyclones	4485	5.3
CyclonC1	161.00	
CyclonC2	105.50	2.4
Delrond	180.50	
Delron1	1770	1.3
Declalon	348	
Degen1	1517	-0.7
Delta 1	1883	1.5
Delta3	1613	
DubekB	81781	
DubekR	8957	
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	38.98	
Eagle1	92.00	
Eagle5	133.50	
EdgarC2	136.50	1.1
EldanTec	51.50	1.0
Elcond	4800	2.5
Elcmics	701	1.0
Elctr D.5	7998	
ElecrG4	257	
ElitaC	243	
EshdRobc	270	-0.4
Ewrol	201	
Fortlo5	1468	
Fortlo0.1	1724	6.0
FeuchtW1	8947	
Five J	417	
FrutarC1	208	
FrutarC2		
GlisorC1	89.50	0.7
GlborSab	316	
GlborW2	315	
Golan	831	1.2
Hamashl	899	
Hashsh01	275	
Hotshot5	131.00	4.0
Hod	268	3.5
Hotl	104.00	2.0
IscCan1	3151	2.2
IsrLand	669	2.6
Kadmany1	239	-1.8
Kedem	5446	-4.5
KedemC2	179.50	0.6
Keter	460	2.9
KlanC1	137.00	
Klil	2489	
Klil5	2422	
Lipid	2199	2.0
Lobtan1	1175	-1.8
LobtanW4	1141	
LuhotSal	131.00	
MacPell	170.00	3.0
Megam	414	4.0
Meidanm1	1027	
Meidmar5	946	2.5
Mel Eden	1020	
Modgal	737	2.2
Mozaica1	246	
Mozaica5	215	9.4
NegCeram	308	10.1
Nerlushh1	852	
Nerlushh5	818	2.3
Nevtot	1297	-0.8
Nicor1	1399	4.5
NIMC	319	1.8
Oils	760	5.0
Ophir	218	0.5
Orbit1	318	2.8
Orlite	345	4.3
PackardW2	3579	1.0
Parged	1828	
PazChen	459	2.9
Pika	770	1.3
PolgatA	300	2.4
PolgatC1	180.50	
Polygon	567	3.5
PolygonC	157.50	1.9
PCS	814	-0.3
Rabintex	244	0.8
RabintxW	72.50	-3.3
Santioh1	362	4.1
Saron1	1478	4.7
Saron5	1357	3.0
Selen	329	0.6
Sherman	11396	0.8
Spctrm	391	-1.0
Steel	221	1.4
Suntrost	5068	
Taal	30983	
Tadiran	833	0.5
Tamboue	527	0.8
Tedea	1043	0.8
TevaC		
Tir	631	
Tobias1	267	
Topper	134.00	6.3
TATC1	182.50	0.3
TAT1	558	-0.2
Unibar1	1532	-1.0
Unibar5	493	
Vialgo1	474	5.3
Vulcan	274	9.2
VulcanC	167.50	-0.6
Warsaco	20466	
WarrSelW3	10653	
YitzigC2	273	1.9
Zahavi	154.00	
Zfon1	2062	
Zfon5	1636	
Zisr1	3458	0.5
Zisr5	3554	
ZionCstr1	883	
Zoharind	370	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
Jacobshr	139.00	
Ravad	282	4.3
Ssarfati	288	-4.6
wallenn	59672	3.0
Yulamg	151.00	4.1
Alrov	1285	1.0
Amirim	183.50	3.2
Amrazim C1	163.00	1.2
Artsdam1	1208	2.0
Assis	1284	5.0
AssisC4	139.00	
AssisW2	186.50	10.2
Assuta	1082	-0.5
AssutaC1	211	1.0
AzorimC1	259	0.4
AzorPrep	608	1.4
Bazano1	638	
Bayside5	25085	1.5
BaysidC1	28183	1.3
BenYsKer	1653	0.5
BenYsKrW1	600	
BenYhorC	83.50	1.2
BidgRes	3045	5.0
Control	1058	
DankNer	1288	-0.2
DankNerC	167.00	0.9
Dankrt	180.50	
Dunbar	3950	0.5
DunbarCw	212	
Engel	217	3.8
GoldHous	350	-1.2
GldHousC	191.00	
Ispro	2678	
Isralom	1580	
IsralomC	201	0.5
IsraelC1	167.00	-1.1
Israel5	4410	
Israel	5220	4.2
ICP5	21172	1.0
Jeysour1	160.50	-1.9
Jordan	410	2.0
LazarC1	74.00	
Lazrick	155.50	1.0
Litshi25	189.50	-2.1
Lussir1	3194	5.0
MalibuC2	118.00	-0.8
Mellibu1	527	1.2
MerLazC2	70.00	1.9
MerLazW3	111.00	0.9
Minrav	6886	
Mishmar	244	-4.3
MTM	2457	10.0
NeotAviv	1407	0.3
PriOr	5845	0.7
RadSea	593	3.1
RogovIn1L	1084	0.5
RshovIn5	1039	3.5
Rosen	408	
Shaked	302	4.9
Tashluz	494	10.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Ilya	1058	1.5
Ackers1	823	0.6
Ackers2	589	2.4
AfrisrC	348	1.5
Ampa	110148	0.8
Arad	3708	1.8
Az sC2	182.00	
ClalW5	183.50	2.2
Clal50	6450	1.5
DenbarC	198.50	1.3
Dunbar1	3023	
Elbit	3225	
Emsh	150.00	2.0
EsporitC4	191.00	0.8
Hilan	376	
HilanW4	236	
Hiron5	7614	
Iscal	990	8.2
IDLC5	180.00	1.9
JoelC1	183.00	1.6
JoelC1A	173.00	-0.9
Kerclan1	389	2.0
Kital	248	0.8
Magor1	1779	2.8
Magor5	1494	0.7
Mobtel	522	8.7
OclbC1	124.00	0.4
OclbW1	2576	1.3
Oler	9419	
Paneli0.1	1100	
Rim1	331	
Rim4	284	
SeharDev	2079	-1.0
Securit5	1953	10.0
SecursC	120.50	1.7
SecursW	322	5.6
SAPANHASP	828	
TayeC	282	
TzurC1	183.50	
TzurShmr	78.50	-0.6
Unico	4247	1.5

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MSN1	5850	
MSN5	3884	3.0

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Name	Price	%chg
atrend	412	3.3
arkia	756	3.0
plask	348	0.3
elcina	117.00	6.4
bedarota	308	
mivnahsha	883	0.2
mivoya	2921	
netsound	255	5.0
tkn	465	4.7
AtlanW1	315	7.8
Comtec	841	
Delisrt	2.90	
Dorel	1192	2.0
Data	989	9.2
Ellech	302	1.0
Greenbrg	428	
ILDCHOT	285	4.7
Kind	141.50	1.4
Kopel	228	-8.8
KopelC1	180.00	2.2
MDPK	391	0.3
Nirun1	545	5.2
Regency Ho	104.00	5.1
TrendLin	1571	

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a.dori	140.00	-2.4
alonhasz	72.00	
grandcir	115.00	3.6
pandor	594	
Adler	220	-2.5
Bar—Ton1	1890	6.8
Caesrea1	3298	
Danly	822	8.0
Gazit	440	0.5
GazitW1	258	
GnutC1	270	1.1
Lesnich	121.50	
Lumsin1	800	
Melleron	646	
Oz	199	3.4
Rassco	1439	2.5
Scandia	147.50	
ScandiaC	100.50	2.0
UnicomG1	146.00	2.5
Unicom1	111.00	
Unicom5	102.50	
UnicorW3	7.00	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
abcodisgn	64.50	10.3
isracoorisgn	268	0.4
Ituran	1058	4.6
msurwhldz	749	-4.8
nisco	1428	-2.0
physon	189.00	-3.1
elchsan	1435	
tecnem	467	
totreuer	474	
viemkrs	94.50	
zivostal	983	3.0
Aclumsn1	2275	10.0
Benuch1	1957	
Baruch5	629	
Brosh1	217	
Dexter	1740	
Elbam	180.50	
Gsil	175.50	-0.8
King1	955	
Lanistr1	2947	2.5
ManC1	189.00	1.1
Mani	1855.50	7.1
MLT	1123	
Naca	36341	0.5
NacaGr1	220	6.3
Oholeb	638	1.5
Orazk	112.50	-8.3
OrtasC	94.50	1.1
OrtaPrnt	936	
Pollak1	402	
Shadot	104.50	
Tasse	868	0.5

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
dartaur1	1709	5.9
Idar	548	0.5
marathon	67.00	
Alian	1057	3.5
Binyan	83952	
Hanan	1257	
Mirage	114.00	
Optima	137.00	2.8
Regent1	322	-8.9
Yissum	92.00	-2.8

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
DelOEkr1	2472	-2.3
Naphtha	33.00	4.8

Two-sided trading

Name	Price	AFTERNOON Change	AFTERNOON % Volume Shares	MORNING Price	MORNING Change	MORNING % Volume Shares
buildpr	387	-3.0		387	-3.0	1000
nacional	812	2.2	22000	802	1.0	13822
Abjac	17.4	-0.5	140000	17.4	-0.6	225858
Aclasrin	240	3.0	35000	241	3.4	23777
Alris G.	256814	1.2	185	256814	1.3	282
Alrisr	243012	1.0	42	243012	1.0	15
Agan	3522		3500	3522		19447
Agis	1753		3000	1753		9277
Avner	6.0	-1.5		6.0	-1.6	484173
Azorim	3292	3.0	12000	3300	3.3	9244
ALPM	14693	0.2	900	14893	0.2	1329
Bezek	478	1.0	117000	479	1.3	112354
Boulo	174.0	1.2	9000	173.5	0.9	19594
Cables	1589	1.7	2000	1569	1.8	6730
Clal Ele	24886	0.7	1900	24886	0.7	834
Clal Tra	649	3.5	32200	652	4.0	4800
Clal 10	6883		14400	6683		1820
Clalins	853	3.2	34500	851	3.0	12756
Clalstr 5	1885	2.5	800	1885	2.5	9611
Clnds	1616	-1.2	154800	1628	-0.5	72713
CohenDev	483	2.5	2500	483	2.5	11480
CoOp	1288		4500	1288		15333
Danbar 5	1665	3.7	2000	1653	3.0	692
Dead Sea	782	2.2	42000	784	2.5	101838
Delek	8645	-2.0	7200	8821		4227
Discinv	17125	-1.5	2400	17386		2218
Elbit	17268	1.5	11840	17013		2298
Elco	8861	-0.5	1440	8906		2893
Elite 5	1370	-0.5	6000	1377		9431
Elron	8665		1440	8565		1949
Evergr n	2217	0.5	850	2206		4618
Expon	1235	7.0	96600	1212	5.0	10069
FeuchtW5	5911	1.2	12000	5823	-0.3	8910
Fibi	40827		140	40627		856
Formula	1083	1.2	17800	1081	1.0	34160
FrstInt1	34373	0.2	480	34373	0.3	221
FrstInt5	33673		720	33673		488
Frutarom	1072		1500	1072		22541
Gahalei	6092			6092		1839
Granit	463	0.2	3000	463	0.2	3100
Hapoalm	403		168000	406	0.7	75594
Hapoim	7675		400	7675		1445
IndBldg	351	1.2		351	1.2	36422
IndDevBK	23329	0.2	65	23271		212
Isramco	5.4	-3.5	17820000	5.6		3680700
IsrCorp1	23962	0.2	2680	23902		1172
IsrCorp5	22820	0.5	280	22820	0.5	617
IsCham	231	-0.7	324000	233		449748
IDB	912	-0.7	78500	919		35685
IDBDev	4865	-1.0	11700	5015		3525
ILDC	984	4.5	22500	1015	7.7	22858
JEC	851		20000	851		10418
JOEL	76.0	-0.5	45000	76.5		177943
Kardan5	2933	0.5	33000	2975	0.3	53724
Kitan	946		1500	946		9535
Koor	21837		12810	21937		9517
Leumi	314	-0.2	180000	318	1.0	116457
Lishizi	260		12000	258	-0.4	11857
Makhteh	1384	-0.5	19000	1401		22000
Malibu5	575	0.5	16100	573	0.2	55749
Maman	692	0.5	12000	698	1.3	8500
Marit1	1941	0.5	1800	1941	0.5	2465
Mashov	253	2.0	55000	253	2.0	18304
Mehadrin	14072	1.0	1440	13968	0.3	495
MeirEzra	2360	0.5	6300	2348		8404
Mishkan	26616			26616		149
Mivtah	1156	1.2		1156	1.2	1619
Multilock	935	1.0		935	1.0	2630
NatoilDS	9.7		480000	9.7		1271628
Ocil	7220	1.5	980	7184	1.0	1280
Ormat	610	0.7	42000	605		15625
Osem	2026		32000	2043	0.7	23584
PazoilEx	65.0	3.0	20000	65.0	3.2	87238
Pecker	8299	2.0	1500	8299	2.0	1489
Periclas	1977	-0.2	2700	1982		2927
Petrchem	1460	1.0	13200	1460	1.0	11524
Pityon	10396	1.0	1050	10421	1.3	1350
PolgatB	316	8.7	35000	317	8.9	43254
Poseidon	71.0	0.2		71.0		23904
Rogosin	1199	2.7	6000	1202	3.0	21598
Secom	299	3.2	11000	299	3.1	31881
SelaPump	100.5		65000	100.5		303120
SupersB	4832	1.0	9600	4796	0.3	2570
TefahotB	160932	2.2	72	160932	2.2	155
Tempo1	1311	0.7	6000	1301		10029
Teva	87306	-1.0	2340	88188		787
Tibnveel	438	-1.0	4000	438	-0.9	12296
TAT5	301	0.2	22000	301	0.3	29847
Urdan 0.	418	3.0	132000	406		
Ytong	639	2.5	2000	640	2.7	1600

THE PEOPLE YOU CAN TALK TO.
SOURCE: ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg

NEW YORK

Name	Price	chg
AMP Inc	36.75	-0.625
AMR Corp	61.625	+0.125
ASA	45.75	-0.25
Abbott Labs	36.875	-0.5
Acme Cleveland	13.75	+0
Advanced Micro	34.625	-0.25
Aetna Life	55.75	+0
Affiliated Publ	8.5	0
Aflac	39.375	-0.375
Ahmanson (H F)	16	+0.125
Air Prods	49.75	+0.375
Alberto-Culv B	27.75	+0
Albertson's	31.625	+0
Alcan Aluminum	25	+0.125
Alco Standard	70	-0.25
Alex & Alex	21.375	-0.125
Allegheny Power	22.5	-0.125
Allied Signal	38	-0.625
Alcoa	58.125	+0.75
Amax	26.125	+0
Amdahl Corp	11.125	-0.25
Amerada Hess	47.625	-2.375
Amer Brands	37.375	+0
Amer Cyanamid	45	
Amer El Power	32.5	+0.125
Amer Express	32.625	-0.5
Amer Gen Corp	32.25	+1
Amer Greeting	30.125	-0.125
Amer Home Pr	72.125	-1.125
Amer Int'l	104.625	+0.25
Amer Med Ins	52.5	+0.125
Amer Stores	24.5	+0
Amer T & T	62.125	+0
Ameritech	42.5	+0
Amersk Inc	17.625	+0
Amoco	60.375	+0.25
Analog Devices	27	+0.75
Anheuser-Busch	57.5	+0
Aon Corp	35.875	+0.125
Apple Computer	35.125	+0.125
Archer Daniels	19.5	-0.125
Arkla	7	0
Armco	4.25	-0.125
Armstrong World	46.5	-0.125
Asarco	24.5	+0
Ashland Oil	32.625	-0.125
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Bandag	59.75	-0.25
BankAmerica	47.625	-0

Ajax, Bayern advance to semis, set up showdown

LONDON – Ajax Amsterdam and Bayern Munich, both three-time winners of the European Champions Cup, set up a semifinal showdown yesterday.

Ajax Amsterdam overpowered Croatia's Hajduk Split 3-0 in one quarterfinal to advance on a 3-0 aggregate and Bayern Munich went through on the away goals rule after a 2-2 tie at IFK Gothenburg. The two teams drew 0-0 draw in Munich.

The other two quarter-finals – Paris St. Germain against Barcelona and Benfica against AC Milan, had not ended by press deadline.

Defender Frank de Boer's double and a close range header from striker Nwankwo Kanu earned Ajax a quarterfinal second leg win.

Ajax, which won the trophy three successive times in the 1970s, the glory years of Cruyff, Neeskens and Krol, dominated from the start and carved openings at will through the hapless Hajduk defense.

Ajax quickly dispelled any nerves among the 40,000 crowd, taking the game to the Croatians and creating several chances before Jari Litmanen crossed in the 39th minute for Kanu to open the scoring with a stooping near-post header.

Four minutes later, de Boer headed home a Finidi George corner.

De Boer wrapped up the game midway through the second half with a stunning free-kick struck from more than 20 meters into the top corner of the net.

Ajax, strengthened by the return of Ronald de Boer in a midfield role to accommodate Kanu up front and with Marc Overmars restored to the wing, attacked with pace on both flanks and kept up a constant barrage on the Hajduk goal.

Hajduk, missing the injured Ivica Mornar and the suspended Darko Butorovic, had little answer to the Amsterdam side's neat, controlled possession soccer and were reduced in the first half to a speculative long-range effort from Renato Jurcec.

The Croatian side, which had never gone beyond the last eight in this competition, looked the more shaky from the start and goalkeeper Tonci Gabric was shown the yellow card as early as the 27th minute for time-wasting.

In the second half, Ajax was almost profligate in front of goal, with Litmanen guilty of over-elaboration and Kanu spurning three clear-cut chances.

Ajax coach Louis van Gaal reacted by bringing on the club's leading goalscorer Patrick Kluivert, who had been afflicted by an ankle injury, for the last 20 minutes.

But by then the game was lost for Hajduk, who managed just two shots on goal in the second half. They were both sweetly struck efforts from long-range free-kicks by Aljosa Asanovic, the pick of the Hajduk side.

Bayern Munich 2, Gothenburg 2

Bayern Munich, reduced to 10 men after 20 minutes when goalkeeper Sven Scheuer was sent off, squeezed through to the semifinals with a draw.

Bayern, held to a goalless draw in the first leg in Munich, looked to be cruising into the last four after two second-half goals in eight minutes from Alexander Zickler and Christian Nerlinger put them 2-0 up.

Gothenburg fought back with a goal from substitute Mats Lilienberg in the 75th minute and Mikael Martinsson rifled home an equalizer one minute into stoppage time as the weakened German team tired.

But the Swedish fightback was too late and Bayern survived to qualify for the last four on the away-goals rule.

Scheuer was dismissed for bringing down Martinsson outside the penalty area and Bayern played with 10 men for 70 minutes of the match.

The first half was a scrappy affair, with both sides creating and wasting chances after Scheuer was sent off.

Replacement goalkeeper Uwe Gospodarek performed admirably, but received little protection from Scottish referee Leslie Mottram when the opposing forwards put him under heavy pressure.

Dieter Frey, with a pointless handball, Zickler and substitute Osei Kuufour all received bookings. Frey will miss the first leg of the semifinal.

The first 20 minutes of the second half were again sloppy, but Zickler brought the game to life when he rifled home from 18 meters in the 63rd minute after Oliver Kreuzer split the Swedish defense with a through pass.

Eight minutes later, Gothenburg defender Pontus Hamark fluffed a clearance in the penalty area. The ball fell to Nerlinger whose left-footed volley gave international goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli no chance.

Needing three goals to qualify, Gothenburg threw everything at the packed Bayern defense.

Lilienberg drove home just three minutes after coming on as a substitute and Martinsson's elegant volley leveled the scores in extra time.

But the teams had barely kicked off again when Mottram blew for full-time.

European Cup quarter-final second leg soccer matches, yesterday's results:
Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 3, Hajduk Split (Croatia) 0 (Halftime 2-0). Scorers: Nwankwo Kanu (39th minute), Frank de Boer (43rd, 69th). Attendance: 40,000. Ajax wins 3-0 on aggregate.

IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 2, Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 (Halftime 0-0). Scorers: Gothenburg – Mats Lilienberg (75th), Mikael Martinsson (90th). Bayern Munich – Alexander Zickler (63rd), Christian Nerlinger (71st). Attendance: 36,525. Bayern qualifies on away goals rule.

NCAA: 'March Madness' and a lot of college cheer

East: W. Forest v NC A&T

GREENSBORO, NC (AP) – Roy Thomas watched the Southeastern Conference championship game with the idea that his North Carolina A&T club would be playing the winner in the NCAA tournament.

But Thomas should have watched the Atlantic Coast Conference title game between Wake Forest and North Carolina, because it's the Demon Deacons his Aggies will be facing when they open the East Regional today in Baltimore.

"For us to just match up with someone, you would have to like North Carolina's or Wake Forest's style as opposed to Arkansas' or Kentucky's," Thomas said. "On the other hand, you've still got to put up with David and Goliath in Tim Duncan and Randolph Childress and the rest of the ball club."

It's a role North Carolina A&T is accustomed to.

They played eventual champion Arkansas in the opening round last year, and generally have always been a lower seed.

They haven't rolled over for anyone, though. One of the school's best NCAA tournament games came in 1987 when it played Syracuse in a first-round game in Chapel Hill and gave the Orangemen all kinds of trouble before losing.

The Aggies provided a few scares this year, too, Thomas said.

"We played some tough teams early in the year, and some of them we played well for 25 to 28 minutes," he said. "We were leading Virginia for up until about 27 minutes, then they came on to blow us out.

"A lot of times, these guys were in awe of the ball club. I think when we went down and played Georgia Tech to an 85-81 ball game, I think that gave us a shot in the arm."

The Aggies will need that inspiration against the Demon Deacons, now on a 10-game winning streak. Childress scored 107 points in the ACC tournament and Duncan grabbed 20 rebounds in the victory over the Tar Heels.

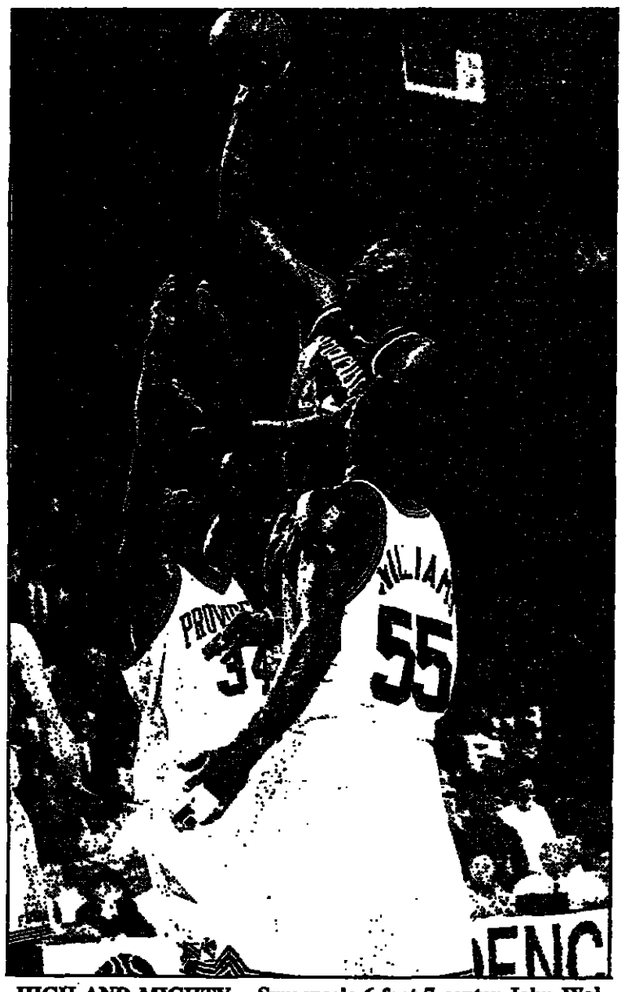
"Right now, Wake Forest is playing probably its best basketball," Thomas said. "Childress has found his jump shot and Duncan is playing well inside. They'll be a tough team."

Wake Forest thinks no less of A&T, although the Demon Deacons are a strong favorite to go to the next round.

"You look at us, we don't look that good," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom says. "You look out there and you say they'd rather be playing us rather than Arkansas or Kentucky because they press. I don't blame them."

Odom says he's happy for A&T, and if they were playing anyone else besides ACC teams, he'd be pulling for the Aggies.

"Unfortunately, I can't," Odom says. "We've got to do everything we can to make their stay in the tournament short-lived."



HIGH AND MIGHTY – Syracuse's 6-foot-7 center John Wallace takes aim over two Providence defenders in Big East action. The Orangemen are seeded seventh in the Midwest regionals.

West: Md v Gonzaga

COLLEGE PARK (AP) – Joe Smith has already fulfilled one of his personal goals for this season, becoming only the third sophomore to win the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year award.

"The national championship," the 6-foot-10 center Smith said Tuesday. "I feel we have a great chance of winning it."

Smith and the 10th-ranked Terrapins begin their quest today night against Gonzaga in Salt Lake City. Maryland (24-7) will be led by coach Gary Williams, who is back on the sidelines after missing four games with pneumonia.

The Terrapins went 2-2 under assistant coach Billy Hahn and took North Carolina into overtime before losing in the ACC tournament semifinals. But make no mistake, Maryland is a better team with Williams calling the shots.

"Coach Hahn did a good job for us, but it was as if a player was coming off the bench for a starter," guard Duane Simpkins said. "The team is now whole, and you want to have your full army when you go into battle."

If Williams is the general of the Terrapins, his best soldier is Smith, who is averaging 20.8 points and 10.4 rebounds per game. He won conference player of the year honors by a landslide Tuesday, getting 64 first-place votes from the league's sports writers compared to 13 for runner-up Randolph Childress of Wake Forest.

Smith also is among the favorites to become the national player of the year. For now, though, his mind is on Gonzaga.

"I'm just going to try to do the same thing I've done all season," he said. "Whether it's scoring 30 points or grabbing 20 rebounds, whatever it takes to win."

Williams, similarly, plans to ease into his role as the Terrapins' strategic and vocal leader. He took it easy Monday because he didn't know if he could make it all the way through his first two-hour practice in more than two weeks.

"I wasn't sure I could get out there," he said. "I made sure I drank a lot and sat down – something I don't usually do – but I wasn't complaining."

He wasn't nearly as boisterous as usual, either.

"I yelled a couple of times – probably not at game level," Williams said. "But my lungs are a lot better and I feel pretty good."

Simpkins said Williams is probably saving his loudest shrieks for the referees in Salt Lake City.

"I don't think we'll see him really yell until maybe game time," Simpkins said. "You can tell he's waiting for the right time to get it all off his chest."

The Terrapins packed enough clothes for a two-week trip. If Maryland wins its first two games, the team will proceed directly to Oakland, California for the next stage of the West regional.

NCAA Basketball Tournament (1st Round)

TODAY

East
(Baltimore, Md.)
Wake Forest (24-5) v North Carolina A&T (15-14)
Minnesota (19-11) v St. Louis (22-7)
Alabama (22-9) v Pennsylvania (22-5)
Oklahoma State (23-9) v Drexel (22-7)
Southeast
(Memphis, Tenn.)
Kentucky (25-4) v Mount St. Mary's, Md. (17-12)
Brigham Young (22-9) v Tulane (22-9)
Arizona State (22-8) v Ball State (19-10)
Oklahoma (23-8) v Manhattan (25-4)
Midwest
(Dayton, Ohio)
Kansas (23-5) v Colgate (17-12)
Western Kentucky (26-3) v Michigan (17-13)
Arizona (23-7) v Miami, Ohio (22-6)
Virginia (22-8) v Nichols State (24-5)
West
(Salt Lake City)
Oregon (19-8) v Texas (22-6)
Maryland (24-7) v Gonzaga (21-06)
Cincinnati (21-11) v Temple (19-10)
Connecticut (26-4) v Tennessee-Chattanooga (19-10)

TOMORROW

East
(Albany, NY)
Tulsa (22-7) v Illinois (19-11)
Villanova (26-7) v Old Dominion (20-11)
North Caarolina Charlotte (19-8) v Stanford (19-8)
Massachusetts (26-4) v St. Peter's (19-10)
Southeast
(Tallahasssee, Fla.)
Georgetown (19-9) v Xavier, Ohio (23-4)
Michigan State (22-5) v Weber State (20-8)
Iowa State (22-10) v Florida (17-12)
North Carolina (24-5) v Murray State (21-8)
Midwest
(Austin, Texas)
Memphis (22-8) v Louisville (19-13)
Purdue (24-6) v Wisconsin-Green Bay (22-7)
Syracuse (19-9) v Southern Illinois (23-8)
Arkansas (27-6) v Texas Southern (22-6)
West
(Boise, Idaho)
UCLA (25-2) v Florida International (11-18)
Missouri (19-8) v Indiana (19-11)
Mississippi State (20-7) v Santa Clara (21-6)
Utah (27-5) v Long Beach State (20-8)

SEEDINGS
(No. 1 seed plays No. 16, No. 2 plays No. 15 and so on)

EAST
1. Wake Forest 2. Massachusetts 3. Villanova 4. Oklahoma State 5. Alabama 6. Tulsa 7. North Carolina-Charlotte 8. Minnesota 9. St Louis 10. Stanford 11. Illinois 12. Pennsylvania 13. Drexel 14. Old Dominion 15. St Peter's 16. North Carolina A&T.

SOUTHEAST
1. Kentucky 2. North Carolina 3. Michigan State 4. Oklahoma 5. Arizona State 6. Georgetown 7. Iowa State 8. Brigham Young 9. Tulane 10. Florida 11. Xavier, Ohio 12. Ball State 13. Manhattan 14. Weber State 15. Murray State 16. Mount St Mary's, Maryland.

MIDWEST
1. Kansas 2. Arkansas 3. Purdue 4. Virginia 5. Arizona 6. Memphis 7. Syracuse 8. W Kentucky 9. Michigan 10. Southern Illinois 11. Louisville 12. Miami, Ohio 13. Nicholls State 14. Wis-Green Bay 15. Mississippi Valley State 16. Colgate

WEST
1. UCLA 2. Connecticut 3. Maryland 4. Utah 5. Mississippi State 6. Oregon 7. Cincinnati 8. Missouri 9. Indiana 10. Temple 11. Texas 12. Santa Clara 13. Long Beach State 14. Gonzaga 15. Tennessee-Chattanooga 16. Florida International

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Midwest – Kansas v Colgate

LAWRENCE (AP) – Top-seeded Kansas' first-round meeting with Colgate today in the Midwest Regional will be a matchup of shot-blocking specialists.

Greg Ostertag, the Jayhawks' 7-footer, will battle in the middle against 6-foot-10 Adonal Foyle of the 16th-seeded Red Raiders.

Foyle, once recruited by Kansas, is averaging five blocks a game while Ostertag became the all-time shot blocker in Big Eight history this year.

Ostertag typically saves his best games for big opponents.

In his last two seasons, he has averaged 8.5 rebounds, 3.7 blocks and 59 percent shooting in games starting a center 6-10 or taller. That is better than his per-game average of 8.3 rebounds, 2.9 blocks and 56 percent shooting.

"He's a shot blocker and you have to go right at him," Ostertag said of Foyle. "You can't let him do what he wants to you."

Foyle is one of the top freshmen in the country, but Ostertag gets practice every day against another top freshman, 6-11 Raef LaFrentz. LaFrentz's game is more finesse than the power game of Foyle, but Ostertag is excited about facing one of the nation's best.

But there is more to Colgate than the heralded freshman. Guard Tucker Neale is the outside threat, averaging 23.3 ppg, including 75 3-pointers.

"Foyle gives us a real inside force," Neale, a senior, said. "We've been able to throw it down low and have a good inside-outside game."

Colgate played some of the top teams in the country – Syracuse, Maryland and Stanford – and so will not be in awe of the Jayhawks.

"We played a tough non-conference schedule," Neale said. "We've seen the best teams in the country, we know how they play."

Southeast – Ball State v Arizona State

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) – Steve Payne remembers the 1990 Ball State team that upset Oregon State and Louisville in NCAA tournament.

He remembers the one-two punch of Paris McCurdy and Curtis Kidd from the inside, the outside shooting of Billy Butts and Greg Miller and the highlight-film moves of Chandler Thompson.

A high school junior in Calumet Park, Illinois, at the time, Payne said a couple of members of that team had visited his school and he became a fan of the Cardinals as they played the role of giant killers in the tournament.

"It was always something to see a school like Ball State find a way to get into the NCAA and then be successful."

Obviously it had a hand in Payne's decision to attend the university, and today, it will be the 6-foot-8 senior forward who will be looking to add another upset to Ball State's NCAA log.

Like the '90 team that met Oregon State in the first round, Ball State's first-round matchup is with another Pac-10 school, No. 16-ranked Arizona State (22-8), in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Cardinals certainly got it together last weekend when they won the Mid-American Conference tournament to earn the MAC's automatic berth.

Ball State is 19-10 and has won nine of its last 11 games.

Payne is one of only two seniors on the team – the other is 6-9 center Amos Gregory – and leads the team in scoring with a 17.4 average and rebounding at 9.4. He also leads the team in blocked shots with 27.

Not getting caught up in all the tournament hype will be one of the biggest obstacles the young team will have to overcome. Payne was a sophomore on the 1993 team that lost in the first round to Kansas.

"I was just so hyper in 1993, like a little kid," Payne said.

Soccer players out on bail

SOUTHAMPTON (Reuter) – Three top Premier League soccer players questioned by police about allegations of bribery and match-rigging were released on bail without being charged yesterday, and strongly maintained their innocence.

Zimbabwean Bruce Grobbelaar appeared at a hastily called news conference to say he was innocent of the allegations and hoped to return to goalkeeping for Southampton as soon as possible.

"I hope to be back in training and selected for the weekend," Grobbelaar said. "I hope to be in the squad. I have done nothing wrong and I will play."

Grobbelaar, Wimbledon's Dutch goalkeeper Hans Segers and striker John Fashanu had been held for up to 36 hours following their arrest on Tuesday. Two other people arrested at the same time – Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim and Fashanu's girlfriend, Melissa Kassamapsi, were also freed.

The five were arrested on Tuesday by police who have been investigating the bribery allegations for four months.

Orlando loses 2nd at home

ORLANDO (AP) – For one night at least, Orlando Arena belonged to the Utah Jazz.

The best home court advantage in the NBA wasn't enough to carry the Magic against the streaking Jazz, which won its ninth straight by beating Orlando 107-95 Tuesday night behind Karl Malone's 27 points. It was only the Magic's second home loss of the season in 34 games.

Rockets 136, 76ers 107

Clyde Drexler scored 26 points to key Houston's biggest offensive output of the season.

The visiting Rockets had eight players score in double figures as they extended their winning streak to three games and overcame a 30-point performance by Philadelphia's Dana Barros.

Bulls 106, Bullets 93

Scottie Pippen scored 30 points and keyed a third-quarter surge for visiting Chicago.

Pippen made 12 of 17 shots. He also had 10 rebounds and six assists to help the Bulls notch their fourth win in five games.

Washington's Gheorghe Muresan scored 21, matching his career high, and grabbed 14 rebounds. Chris Webber had 18 points for the Bullets.

Knicks 94, Nuggets 74

Patrick Ewing played on a sprained ankle and scored 21 points to lead host New York.

Ewing, who sprained his left ankle in the fourth quarter of a weekend loss to Seattle and was questionable until game time, also had five blocks.

Charles Oakley added 14 points and a season-high 17 rebounds.

Bucks 99, Hornets 86

Glenn Robinson scored 27 points and Vin Baker had 12 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for host Milwaukee.

The Hornets were led by Alonzo Mourning with 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Dell Curry had 17 points.

Milwaukee, which had lost six of its last eight, took a 14-point lead into the final period, and the closest the visiting Hornets got was 95-83.

Spurs 115, Timberwolves 100

David Robinson had 24 points and 10 rebounds as hosdt San Antonio landed 61 percent of its shots.

Avery Johnson added 19 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio. Vinny Del Negro added 17 points and Sean Elliott 14 for the host Spurs.

Suns 116, Pistons 109

Phoenix snapped a two-game home losing streak and avenged a December loss to Detroit.

Charles Barkley had 30 points and 10 rebounds, scoring nine points in the first 7:22 of the fourth quarter. Dan Majerle scored 22 for the Suns, and Elliot Perry had 17 and 12 assists.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS:
Houston 136, Philadelphia 107
Chicago 106, Washington 93
Utah 107, Orlando 95
New York 94, Denver 74
Milwaukee 99, Charlotte 86
San Antonio 115, Minnesota 100
Phoenix 116, Detroit 109
Portland 121, Miami 114
Seattle 113, Boston 93
Dallas 91, Sacramento 90

Montanan wins Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) – Doug Swingley of Simms, Montana won the $350,000 1995 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race yesterday in 9 days, 2 hours, 42 minutes to collect $52,500 and a new pickup truck.

The next nine to cross the finish line were all Alaskans. Martin Buser from Big Lake, Alaska was six hours off the pace at 9:08:47. Following him was was Bill Cotter from Nenana, Alaska in 9:10:52.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL TENNIS – Second round, third leg of Club Hotel Eilat satellite in Jaffa, yesterday's results: Eyal Erlich beatt Szolt Fule (Hungary) 6-4, 6-3; Gilad Bloom beat Chris Haggard (South Africa) 6-4, 6-4 and Noam Okun lost to Ignacio Truvol (Spain) 6-4, 6-4.

Ada Moross women's circuit in Jaffa: Nataly Cahana beat Sarit Shalev 6-1, 6-3; Tamar Keren beat Anat Katz 7-6(3), 6-2; Hadar Rozen beat Valeria Mantegazza (Italy) 6-2, 6-7(4), 6-2; Meirav Dack beat Orit Strauss 7-5, 6-3; Shir Zbulkman lost to Nelly Barkan (Ukraine) 6-1, 6-1; Elin Goldshav lost to Jana Solonenko (Bulgaria) 6-2, 6-0; Daniela Or-Shahar lost to Tessa Shaporalova 6-2, 6-4 and Oshri Shashua lost to Alida Gallovits (Romania) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

NHL – TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Hartford 6, NY Islanders 4; New Jersey 4, Ottawa 2; Buffalo 2, Florida 1 (OT); Detroit 5, Los Angeles 2; Vancouver 3, Winnipeg 3; Edmonton 6, St. Louis 5

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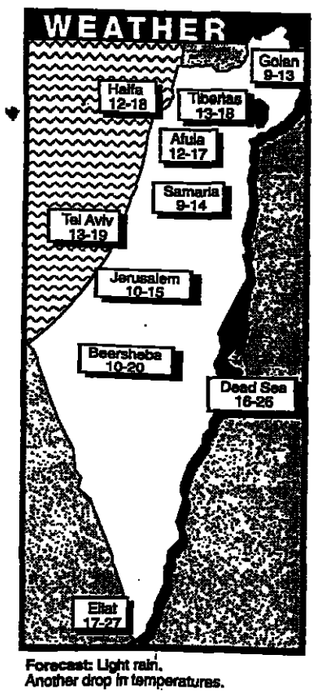
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Berlin	-03	27	08	43	cloudy
Buenos Aires	18	64	28	79	clear
Cairo	14	57	23	73	clear
Chicago	07	44	25	77	clear
Copenhagen	-03	28	-01	30	cloudy
Frankfurt	00	32	05	41	cloudy
Geneva	02	35	09	48	rain
Helsinki	-02	28	00	32	snow
Hong Kong	18	61	19	66	cloudy
Jo'burg	13	55	26	79	clear
Lisbon	18	61	20	68	clear
London	04	39	09	48	clear
Los Angeles	16	60	27	80	clear
Madrid	09	48	20	68	pt cloudy
Montreal	-09	16	13	55	cloudy
Moscow	-05	21	-02	28	pt cloudy
New York	06	43	17	63	cloudy
Paris	06	43	11	52	pt cloudy
Rome	09	48	13	55	cloudy
Stockholm	-03	26	00	32	cloudy
Sydney	18	61	24	75	clear
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EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Super Pharm, Malha mall, 793260; Balsam, Salah e-Din, 272315; Shuafat, Shuafat Road, 810108; Dar Aldawa, Herod's Gate, 282058.
Tel Aviv: Ahva, 165 Dizengoff, 522-4717; Kupat Holim Clalit, 7-9 Amsterdam, 523-2383. Till 3 a.m. Friday: Ben-Yehuda, 142 Ben-Yehuda, 5223535. Till midnight: Superpharm Ramat Aviv, 40 Einstein, 6413730.
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Bar-Ilan, 29 Bar-Ilan, Ra'anana, 443579.
Netanya: Clal Pharm, 60 Binyamin, 338091.
Krayot area: Hyper Pharm, Hypercol bldg., Kiryat Ata junction, 720161.
Haifa: Kupat Holim Maccabi, 6 Yalag, 351262.
Herzliya: Clal Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzliya Pituah, 558472, 558407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight.
Upper Nazareth: Clal Pharm, Lev Ha'ir Mall, 570468. Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DUTY HOSPITALS

Jerusalem: Bikur Holim (internal, pediatrics); Hadassah Ein Kerem (surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, ENT); Shaare Zedek (obstetrics). In case of heart attack, attempted resuscitation, snake bite or scorpion sting, go immediately to nearest hospital.
Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Medical Center (pediatrics), Ichilov (surgery).
Netanya: Laniado.

POLICE	**100**
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Magen David Adom
In emergencies dial 101 (Hebrew) or 911 (English) in most parts of the country. In addition:

Ashdod* 551333	Karmiel* 988556
Ashkelon 551332	Kfar Sava* 902222
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Beit Shemesh 523133	Nahariya* 912333
Dan Region* 5793333	Netanya* 823333
Eilat* 372333	Petah Tikva* 9311111
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Haifa* 512233	Rishon* 9642333
Hatzor* 920333	Safed 920333
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Jerusalem* 523133	Tiberias* 790111

* Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area, around the clock.

Medical help for tourists (in English) 177-022-9110
Eran — Emotional First Aid. Jerusalem 610303, Tel Aviv 5461111 (children/youth 6961113), Haifa 672222, Beersheba 281128, Netanya 625110, Karmiel 9988770, Kfar Sava 974555, Hadera 346789.
Wizo hotlines for battered women 02-514111, 03-5461133 (also in Russian), 07-376310, 08-550606 (also in Amharic).
Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 5234819, 5449191 (men), Jerusalem 514455, Haifa 660111, Eilat 31977.
The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-529205, for emergency calls 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

THOSE MADCAP marvels called the Natural Theater Company are back with another frabjous history lesson. It's *Henry VIII – Diary of a Serial Killer*, otherwise known as an irreverent romp with Henry (the inimitable Ralph Oswick), the Wives, Prince Charles, and a plant called Camilla through marriages, mayhem and music, lots of music from Wagner to Dolly Parton. Anybody who remembers walking out of *Scarlatti's Wedding* wheezing with laughter won't want to miss this one. Tonight at the Karmiel Municipal Auditorium, tomorrow at the Haifa Auditorium and on Saturday at the Kfar Sava Municipal Auditorium. All performances at 8:30.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

MOSCOW'S famed Sovremennik Theater is making its first visit here as a guest of the Gesher Theater. It is bringing two productions. One is an Israeli play, Yosef Bar Yosef's *Difficult People*. But the tour opens at Habimah on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. with *Steep Road or Into the Whirlwind* by Eugenia Ginzburg about women and the years of Stalinist repression. Both plays are directed by Sovremennik and artistic director Galina Volchek. (Russian, simultaneous translation into Hebrew.)

PURIM

HELEN KAYE

ADLOYADA is the Hebrew term for a Purim parade. This year it's in Holon and the theme is peace. There are dozens of huge decorated floats, thousands of schoolkids in fancy dress, diplomats' kids dressed in national costume, bands, dancers and lots more. The fun is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

The Tel Aviv Cinematheque is throwing a Purim party with the theme of 100 years of movies, so go dressed up as something or someone from the movies. It starts at 11:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

PIANIST extraordinare Dani Etinger accompanies alto Bracha Kol and baritone David Zeba in a *lieder* recital including music by Schubert and Sibelius, tomorrow (noon) at the Jerusalem Music Center. Saturday morning (11 a.m.) at the Targ Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, Gregory Haimovsky performs a piano recital comprising music by Beethoven, Liszt and Debussy, while Saturday evening (8:30) at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem, the Bessarabia Ensemble performs authentic klezmer music. Saturday morning (11) at Tzavta in Tel Aviv, a recital by cellist Hillel Zori and pianist Naomi Kaplan includes works by Beethoven, Messiaen and Franck.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

STUDENTS from all over the country will participate this Saturday in a special gala evening to benefit the Maya Arbatova Classical Ballet Competition. The competition itself takes place on May 13. The coming gala evening features classical ballet numbers and is also a rare chance to look at the next generation of local classical ballet stars. At the Suzanne Dellal Center (9).

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Benny and Joon 8 ★ Johnny Stechchino 8 ★ My Cousin Vinny 10 ★ Les Vacances de M. Hulot 10 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Drop Zone•Nell 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Browning Version 9:45 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15 ★ Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Forrest Gump Sun.-Tue: 4:15, 7, 9:45; Wed., Thu. 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ Little Giants•Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption Sun.-Tue. 4:15, 7, 9:45; Wed., Thu. 7, 9:45 ★ Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 JERUSALEM THEATER The Essence of Green Papaya 7, 9:30 ★ Far Away, So Close 9:30 ORION ☎ 252914 Trial By Jury•The River Wild•Disclosure•Natural Born Killers 5, 7:15, 9:15 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Quiz Show 7:15, 9:45 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 7:30, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 4:45 ★ 101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Nightmare Before Christmas•Monkey Trouble 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Four Weddings and a Funeral 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Last Seduction 7:30, 9:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. Legends of the Fall 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ Sh'chur 5, 7:30, 9:45 SEMADAR L'accompagnatrice 7, 9 ★ Much Ado About Nothing 12 midnight

TEL AVIV
CINEMATHEQUE The Kentucky Fried Movie 7:30 ★ A Hole in the Moon 9:30 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center Into the West 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30 ★ Reservoir Dogs 9:45 ★ Burnt by the Sun 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7 ★ True Romance 9:45 ★ Exotica 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 DRIVE IN Mother's Boys 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight GAN HA'IR Priscilla 5, 7:30, 9:45 GAT Quiz Show 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON Citizen Kane 10 ★ Scent of Green Papaya 8, 8 HAKOL-NOA ZOA HOUSE ☎ 6958341 26 Ibn Gabirol St. Kika 5, 7:30, 9:45 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Love Affair 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Forrest Gump 10 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30 ★ Priscilla 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 Shawshank Redemption 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Lifetimes 11:45, 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Naked 1:30, 5:45 ★ The Browning Version 11:30 a.m., 3:45, 8, 10 ★ Sh'chur 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 RAV-CHEN☎ 5282288* Dizengoff Center Legends of the Fall 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Trial By Jury 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Last Seduction 7:30, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:30 ★ 101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Nightmare Before Christmas 11 a.m., 1, 3 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102574* Opera House 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Little Women 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (English dialogue) 7:30, 9:45 ★ Serial Mom 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5 ★ Terminal Velocity Sun.-Tue. 11 a.m.
G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 Forrest Gump 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Nell 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. Widow's Peak•Natural Born Killers•The River Wild 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Milk Money 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Disclosure 5, 7:15, 10 ★ Drop Zone 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard The Snapper 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON Far Away, So Close 4:30, 7, 9:45

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 Little Snapper 7:15 ★ Natural Born Killers 9:15 ★ Widow's Peak 7:15 ★ Lifetimes 9 ATZMON 1-5 ☎ 673003 Nell•Milk Money•Sh'chur•Drop Zone•Love Affair 4:30, 7, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 The Last Seduction 7:30, 9:30 ORLY Shawshank Redemption 6:30, 9:15 PANORAMA 1-3 ☎ 382020 Forrest Gump 6:45, 9:30 ★ Disclosure 9:30 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 ★ The River Wild 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 Terminal Velocity 7, 9:15 ★ Legends of the Fall 6:45, 9:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 4:45 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 Shawshank Redemption 6:45, 9:30 ★ Pulp Fiction 6:45, 9:30 ★ Terminal Velocity 7, 9:15 ★ Legends of the Fall 6:45, 9:15 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 4:45 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 3, 4:45 ★ Monkey Trouble 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ 101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ The Last Seduction 7, 9:15 ★ The Quiz Show 6:45, 9:15 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 3, 4:45 ★ Nightmare Before Christmas 11 a.m., 1, 4:45 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 Quiz Show 7, 9:30 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Pulp Fiction 6:45, 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 4:30 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1, 4:30

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STAR Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Gilbert Grapes 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Trial By Jury 7:30, 10; 7:15, 9:45 ★ Sidekicks 11:30 a.m., 5

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL Pulp Fiction 7:15, 10 ★ Nell 7, 9:45 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Priscilla 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 10 ★ Angels•Junior•Monkey Trouble•Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5

ASHKELON
G.G. GIL Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Nell 7:30, 10 ★ Junior 5; 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Love Affair 7:30, 10 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 G.G. ORI 1-3☎ 711223 Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 7:15, 10 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 Quiz Show 7:15, 9:45 ★ Trial By Jury 7:30, 9:45 ★ Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 7:30, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out•The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Aristocats (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1, 4

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shashank Redemption 7:15, 9:45 ★ Drop Zone 7:30, 9:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 7:30, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Junior•Baby's Day Out•Monkey Trouble 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30 ★ The Mask 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Quiz Show 9:45

BEERSHEBA
G.G. GIL Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Milk Money•Little Giants 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ The Last Seduction 7:30, 9:45 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 1:15, 4:45

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LEV 1-4 ☎ Shawshank Redemption 7:15, 9:45 ★ Drop Zone 11 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 4:30 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ The Lion King 11 a.m., 4:30

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 Quiz Show•Lifetime 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 5 ★ Nell 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m. ★ Junior 5
KARMIEL
CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 Chasers 7, 9:30 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 5, 7, 9:30 ★ Forrest Gump 6:30, 9:15 ★ The Mask•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 5

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 7, 10 ★ Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Forrest Gump 10 ★ Milk Money Sun.-Tue. 5, 7:15; 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15 ★ Legends of the Fall 7, 10 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779168 Nell 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Love Affair 7, 9:30 ★ The River Wild 7, 9:30 ★ Terminal Velocity 11 a.m., 7, 9:30 ★ Drop Zone 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:30 ★ Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ The Lion King 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 4:45 ★ Junior 11 a.m.

KIRYAT MALACHI
HAKIRYA The Lion King (English dialogue) 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 9:30 MOFET Terminal Velocity 7:15, 9:30

LOD
STAR The Last Seduction 7:15, 9:30 ★ Baby's Day Out 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Gilbert Grape 7:15, 9:30 ★ Junior 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ Trial by Jury 7:15, 9:30 ★ Terminal Velocity 11:30 a.m., 5

NAHARIYA
HECHAL HATARBUT Angels 7, 9:15

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Drop Zone•Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 7, 9:45 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior•Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Quiz Show 7:15, 9:45 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The Last Seduction 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Mask•Baby's Day Out•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 11 a.m., 1, 5

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Sh'chur 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ Terminal Velocity 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15 ★ The River Wild 9:45

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Legends of the Fall 7:15, 10 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 Love Affair 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Milk Money 7:15, 9:45 ★ Forrest Gump 5, 7:15, 10

RA'ANANA
PARK Shawshank Redemption 7:30, 10 ★ Drop Zone 7:30, 10 ★ Nell 7:30, 10 ★ Little Women 7:30, 10 ★ Legends of the Fall 7:30, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 5 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1:15, 5 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:15, 5

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121 Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Love Affair 9:45 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30 ★ 101 Dalmatians 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1, 3 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 1, 5 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Drop Zone 7:30, 9:45 ★ Angels 11 a.m., 5 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 5

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Disclosure 7, 9:30

REHOVOT
CHEN 1–4 Quiz Show 11 a.m., 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ Legends of the Fall 7, 9:45 ★ The Browning Version 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 7, 9:45 ★ Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 4:30

RISHON LEZION
HAZAHAV Love Affair 7:15, 9:45 ★ Junior 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Little Giants 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Shawshank Redemption 7, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 RAV CHEN Legends of the Fall 7:15, 9:45 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 9:45 ★ Little Women 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Quiz Show 7:15, 9:45 ★ Angels•The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue)•Baby's Day Out 11 a.m., 1, 5

RISHON NEW IND. AREA
GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 Drop Zone•Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ The River Wild 7:15, 9:45 ★ Getting Even With Dad 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Forrest Gump 7, 9:45 ★ The Flintstones 11 a.m., 1:30, 5 ★ Pulp Fiction 7, 10 ★ Free Willy 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. Nell 7:15, 10 ★ The Slingshot 5 ★ Little Women 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Legends of the Fall 7, 10 ★ Baby's Day Out 11:30 a.m., 5 ★ The Last Seduction 7:15, 10 ★ The Lion King (Hebrew dialogue) 5

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL Mother's Boys•Forrest Gump•Trial By Jury•Love Affair•Nell 7:15, 9:45 ★ Drop Zone 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Milk Money 11 a.m., 1:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Thumbelina•Junior•Angels•Baby's Day Out•Monkey Trouble 11 a.m., 1:30, 5* Tone phone reservations 03-5252244.** All times are p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News **8:45** Cartoon **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 – 15:30 Launching a New Television Channel – Purim festivities in the studio and around the country. The guest list includes The Simpsons, Smurfs and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Six in One Studio – All the afternoon anchors get together for a Purim party **15:35** Cartoon **16:00** Zap to One **17:00** A New Evening **17:40** Who's Afraid of the Dark **18:00** Dangermouse – cartoon **18:15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Encounter – current affairs **19:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Nine Squared **20:00** Mabat **21:00** Trump Card – new weekly magic show **21:30** Culture magazine **22:30** Sefi, Yatzpan and friends on Saturday night – skits and songs with top Israeli comedians **23:30** News magazine

■ CHANNEL 2

10:00 Dr. Seuss **10:30** Film: Popeye (1980) – Disney film based on the cartoon. Directed by Robert Altman (97 mins) **12:15** Cartoons **12:30** The Ron Lucas Show – magic, dance and humor **13:00** Partners in Love (1992) – A divorced couple become business partners. Years later, the ex-husband discovers that the divorce was not valid... **14:30** Tick Tack **15:00** Scary tales of Halloween – excerpts from Walt Disney films **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshef at Five **17:30** Flatfoot **18:00** Festigal 94 (rpt) **18:30** At Leon's – cookery **19:00** Home Improvement **19:30** Lucky Guy **20:00** News **20:30** Banana Split **21:05** Comedy Store **22:05** Casablan – the famous Israeli musical starring singer (and Jerusalem councilman) Yehoram Gaon. Set in 1960s Jaffa, Casablan is a Moroccan gang leader in love with Rahel, whose Polish parents do not approve of him. **00:00** News **00:05** Casablan (continued) **00:35** Dizengoff Laughs – Live Purim show in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Circle **02:00** Depeche Mode – in concert

■ JORDAN TV

19:30 The Road to Avonlea **20:30** ENG: Overload – the story of the people behind the news **21:15** Documentary **22:00** News in English **22:20** Film

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club **14:55** Film: Bad Man's River (1972) – A con man is swindled by a beautiful woman. Starring Gina Lollobrigida, Lee van Cliff. **16:30** Mighty Mouse **16:55** Jonny Quest **17:20** Dangermouse **17:45** Flying House **18:10** Hawaii Five-O **19:10** Rescue 911/48 Hours **20:00** World News Tonight: Arabic **20:30** CNN Headline News **21:00** Edison Mansion **21:30** Jake and the Fatman **22:20** Law and Order **23:10** The 700 Club **00:00** Film: Bad Man's River

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Local broadcast **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Guests in the Living Room **11:25** Celeste **12:10** Neighbors **12:35** Attitudes **13:20** Hanging with Mr. Cooper **13:45** Israeli Clips **14:00** Cagney and Lacey **14:50** Roxanne **15:40** Knots Landing **16:30** Neighbors **16:55** Love Boat **17:45** Israeli Clips **18:00** One Life to Live **18:45** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local broadcast **20:00** Channel 3 "Double" competition **21:20** Israeli movie: *Al Hapanim* (1989) **22:40** Complete miniseries: Murder in Paradise

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Perfect People (1988) – (rpt) **12:10** Battle of the Sexes (1960) – comedy starring Peter Sellers **13:30** Incredibly Strange Film Show: Jackie Chan **14:15** Driving Force (1990) – (rpt) **15:50** The Disorderly Orderly (1964) – comedy starring Jerry Lewis as a clumsy hospital orderly **17:20** Special on *Freefall* **17:50** Let It Ride (1989) – comedy starring Richard Dreyfus as a compulsive gambler **19:20** Head Office (1986) (rpt) **20:45** What's New at the Movies **21:00** Honeymoon in Vegas (1992) – Nicolas Cage and Sarah Jessica Parker go to Las Vegas to get married, but Cage loses everything in a poker game with a professional gambler (91 mins) **22:35** Life of Brian (1979) – Monty Python team sends up *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Directed by Terry Jones (89 mins) **00:10** And Now For Something Completely Different (1972) – classic sketches from Monty Python's Flying Circus **1:40** Nuns on the Run (1990) – British comedy about two criminals wanted by the Mafia who hide out in a convent. Starring Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane. **3:15** Privates on Parade (1983) – John Cleese stars in this comedy about a cabaret troupe sent to Singapore **5:10** Yellowbeard (1983) – pirate comedy starring John Cleese, Graham Chapman, Eric Idle, Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn and Peter Cook (91 mins)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons **9:00** Cartoons **9:05** Professor Iris **9:30** Ovid and Gang **10:00** Purim on the Children's Channel **10:10** Batman **10:30** Purim on the Children's Channel **10:40** Kofiko **11:05** Flying Hamentaschen **11:20** Purim on the Children's Channel **11:30** Xuxa **12:05** Baby Talk **12:40** Baby special **13:00** Benjamin Bluemchen **13:45** Paddington **14:10** Benjamin Bluemchen and the Ice Princess **15:00** Cartoons **15:35** Professor Iris **16:00** Ovid and Gang **16:30** Purim on the Children's Channel **16:40** Batman **17:10** Kofiko **17:35** Flying Hamentaschen **17:50** Purim on the Children's Channel **18:00** Xuxa **18:35** Baby Talk **18:55** Purim on the Children's Channel **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:30** Family Matters **21:00** I Love Lucy **21:30** Dear John

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Last Remake of Beau Geste (1977) – this spoof of Foreign Legion movies has Michael York and Marty Feldman as brothers. **23:30** Without You I'm Nothing (1990) – adaptation of Sandra Bernhard's one-woman off-Broadway show in which she examines pop culture by impersonating characters like Madonna, Nina Simone, Diana Ross and ... an Israeli folk singer!

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Science and Nature **12:00** Wild South **13:00** Big City Metro **13:30** The Next Step **14:00** Open University **16:00** Wild South **17:00** Big City Metro **17:30** The Next Step **18:00** Open University **20:00** The Power Game **21:00** Telescope **21:30** The Buckman Treatment **22:00** Elisa Monte Mixed Bill **00:00** Enid Blyton **1:10** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 ITN World News **7:15** US Market Wrap **7:30** Business Insiders **8:00** Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business **10:00** Super Shop **11:00** European Money Wheel **15:00** US Money Wheel **18:30** FT Business Tonight **19:00** Today **20:00** ITN World News Live **20:30** Executive Lifestyles **21:00** Entertainment X-Press **21:30** NBC News Magazine **22:30** Inside Edition **23:00** ITN World News **23:30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00:30** Real Personal **1:00** FT Business Tonight **1:30** NBC Nightly News

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 The Sullivans **6:30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **7:00** El TV **7:30** Donahue **8:30** Santa Barbara **9:30** The Bold and the Beautiful **10:00** Oprah Winfrey **11:00** Riviera **

Police recommend indicting Shapira

BILL HUTMAN

THE police have recommended that criminal charges be filed against MK Avraham Shapira for alleged financial improprieties uncovered in the investigation of his bankrupt Carmel Carpets company, senior police sources said yesterday.

The recommendation was turned over to the State Attorney's Office earlier this week, the sources said.

The police suspect Shapira illegally registered company holdings at Textile House in Tel Aviv in the name of his wife, the sources said.

The Textile House affair, which occurred in 1982 but was only recently brought to the attention of police, apparently is the major element upon which police have built their case against Shapira.

Shapira has been under investigation by the national fraud squad for several months and was recently interrogated by police at his home in the Tel Aviv area. In addition to the Textile House affair, police also investigated allegations Shapira received kickbacks from the Ararat Insurance Company. The company made periodic payments to the MK for over a decade.

"It is now up to the state attorney to decide whether to press charges," said a senior police source. "There is no question that we uncovered criminal acts. The only question is whether there is the evidence to back up the charges," the source said.

Yesterday, Shapira told Army Radio that "Police do not plan to recommend anything to the state attorney. They told me that they have nothing, and that they found nothing."

A spokesman for Shapira said the Knesset member was told by police that no charges would be brought against anyone in his family. However, Cmdr. Yossi Levy, head of investigations, said the police had not informed Shapira what recommendation it was making.

"As policy, we do not tell a person whether he will be charged or not until after the state attorney has decided. Then it is our obligation to inform him," Levy said. Levy declined to comment on the Shapira investigation.

The police sources, however, said that it may take several weeks before police receive a reply from the state attorney concerning the recommendation to charge Shapira.

Daliat man kills wife, self

DAVID RUDGE and Itim

A MAN shot his wife and then fatally wounded himself with the same gun in the Druse town of Daliat al-Carmel yesterday afternoon.

Kamli Salah, 40, was found dead by the local football field, near the couple's home. Her husband, Fuad, 48, was found seriously wounded inside the house and died soon after in hospital.

The couple left six grown children.

Residents and neighbors said the couple had quarreled in the past few months, and that the husband had not been working and had been drinking regularly.

Nevertheless, no complaints had been lodged with police over wife-beating and the matter had not come to the authorities' attention.

According to initial reports, Kamli returned home from work in the afternoon and an argument ensued between the couple, who were alone in the house at the time.

Haifa district police chief Cmdr. Ya'acov Borovsky said it appeared the husband then fired several shots at his wife in the house and later in the yard.

"After he finished firing at her, he returned to the house and shot himself and subsequently died in the hospital," said Borovsky.

Police are investigating how and where Salah obtained the pistol he used, which was unlicensed.

Levy loses another month of privileges

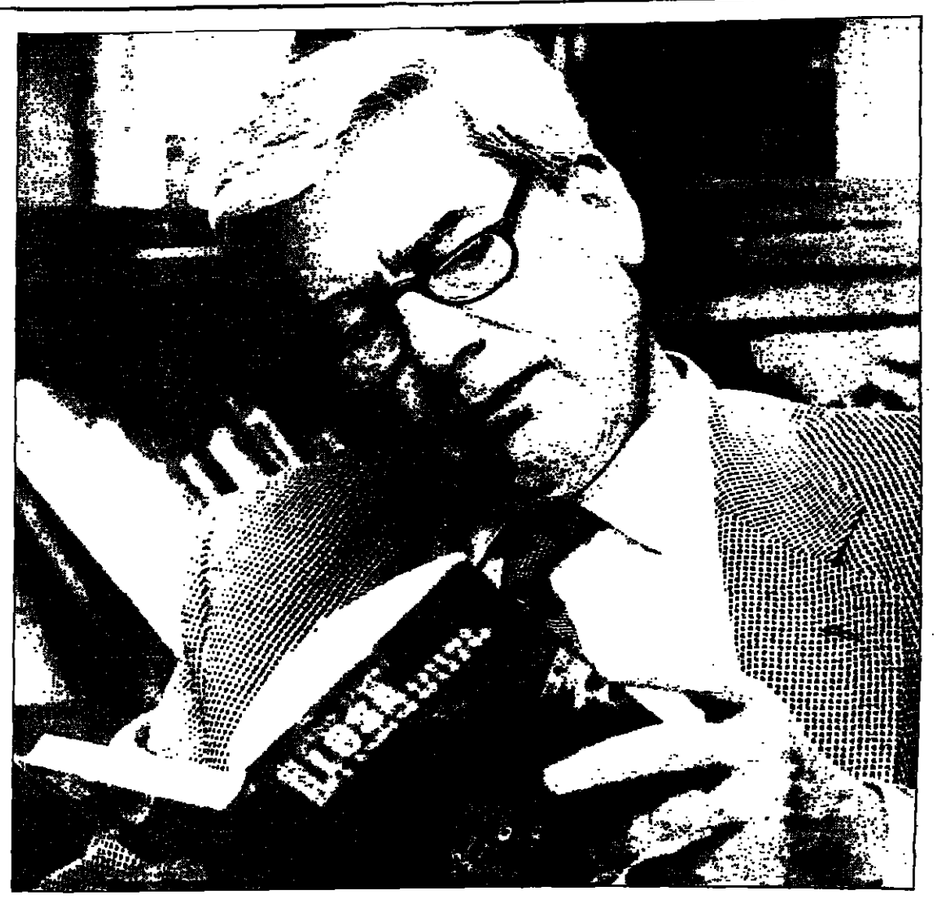
RAINE MARCUS

FORMER MK Yair Levy will be suspended from the prisoner rehabilitation program for two months instead of the one month agreed upon on Tuesday, the Prisons Service central region commander ruled yesterday.

The announcement by Cmdr. Yisrael Kleinman overruled the decision made by a seven-man committee formed to evaluate Levy's case, following reports he was spending much of his time out of prison at home, instead of at the Bnei Brak yeshiva where he was supposed to be working.

After the two months, the committee will convene again to decide whether Levy, serving a four-year jail term for embezzlement, will be allowed to rejoin the scheme. The decision time will depend on Levy's behavior at Ma'asiyahu Prison and whether the committee deems his rejoining the scheme worthwhile, since he is due to be released from prison in around four months.

A senior prison officer said Kleinman's decision was made in response to damning reports recently on the Prisons Service for lax supervision of prisoners in rehabilitation programs.



Peruvian author Mario Vargas Llosa, who received this year's Jerusalem Prize for the Freedom of the Individual in Society at a ceremony at the Jerusalem International Book Fair yesterday, looks at a copy of one of his novels. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

Vargas Llosa: Israel came true

HELEN KAYE

"THE best guarantee for a nation's progress and survival ... is the culture of freedom," said Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa yesterday.

He was speaking after receiving the Jerusalem Prize from Mayor Ehud Olmert in a ceremony at the International Book Fair at the International Convention Center.

He spoke of impressions from his first visit to Israel in 1976, and said that it is an Israeli trait "to remain a society always open to discussion and criticism."

Israel, he said is a land "smuggled to real life" from the dreams and fantasies that also shape literature. The reality of Israel shows "history is written and rewritten by men and women ... that history can be as we would have wanted it to be, and that its being so depends only on us.

"For this priceless realization, which has helped me in my life as a writer ... I owe a great debt of gratitude to Israel."

Earlier, Vargas Llosa had said that he had not come to sprinkle Israel with incense in return for the prize, and that he'd never hesitated to disagree with Israel on its Palestinian policy before and since his 1976 visit.

He praised "the audacity and courage" of both sides in the PLO-Israel peace agreement, despite the attempts of "demented fanatics to destroy it," and ended by invoking the spirituality of Jerusalem to "conclude the digressions of a novelist who again wishes to express his joy and gratitude."

The Jerusalem Prize is awarded to a writer whose work best expresses the idea of the freedom of the individual in society. Vargas Llosa's books have been translated into many languages, including Hebrew, and he has won numerous literary prizes, most recently the Cervantes Prize in Spain.

He believes strongly that literature is a potent tool to fight injustice. He has combined a prolific literary output with teaching and lecturing. In the late 1980s, he entered politics, and in 1990 unsuccessfully ran for president on a reform platform. He currently lives in London with his wife Patricia.

Also present at the ceremony were former president Chaim Herzog, head of the jury, and former mayor Teddy Kollek.

Rain expected for Purim

DAVID RUDGE and JUDY SIEGEL

THE weather looks set to play a Purim joke on the country, with forecasters expecting a drop in temperatures and local showers in northern and central districts today.

The change was evident in most parts of the country yesterday, as the *sharav* conditions that had prevailed earlier broke with dust storms in the South and strong winds elsewhere. Temperatures were expected to fall by an average of five to six degrees compared to yesterday.

The past few weeks of dry weather have not had an adverse effect on the nation's water resources, Mekorot reported.

The water company said the level of Lake Kinneret is only 40 centimeters below its maximum mark and the Yarkon Taninim underground reservoir is almost full.

Because of Purim, post office branches will be open today until 2 p.m. except in Jerusalem, where they will operate normally. Banks, except for the postal banks, are closed today. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange will be closed.

Meanwhile, Magen David Adom is once again warning parents to keep their children away from dangerous Purim toys and costumes, noting that several children had been injured even before the holiday began.

A 12-year-old Herzliya boy suffered burns on his hand from caps that were set afire. An Ashkelon boy was burned on his foot from firecrackers.

Cotton wool, paper, rayon, and plastic should not be used as part of costumes; they are easily set afire by sparks from cap pistols. Costumes that are difficult to remove in an emergency should not be worn. Children should be instructed to stay away from fire or heat.

Magen David Adom recommends that if a costume starts burning, lay the victim down on the ground and roll him in sand or earth to extinguish it, douse with water, or smother the flames with a wet blanket. Do not cover the victim's head. Do not remove burned clothes or use oily ointments to ease pain; instead, cool the burn with water. Other Purim tips:

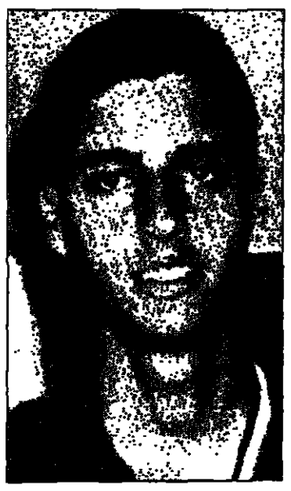
- Avoid "snow" sprays, which are illegal. Children have suffered damage to their eyes from these items.
- Do not aim toy pistols at the eyes or ears. A spark in the eye should be washed quickly with water and the victim taken for medical treatment.

Army declares soldier officially missing

SOLDIER Amir Rubin, away from his unit since February 12, was officially declared missing by the army yesterday.

The IDF Spokesman said army representatives had visited the family's home and informed them of the decision, and updated them on efforts being made to determine what has happened to Rubin.

Meanwhile, the army and the police are still seeking the public's help in locating Rubin, 19, who was described as 1.85 meters tall, thin, with short black hair and brown eyes. He was carrying a large black and green bag and was wearing his army uniform and carrying his M-16. Anyone knowing anything about his whereabouts should contact the nearest police station. (Itim)



Missing soldier Amir Rubin.

Woman fighting for short people's right to enlist

Orit Tubul petitions Knesset over size discrimination

LIAT COLLINS

ORIT Tubul, 18, is fighting to get into the army. The problem is a matter of size. Not the army's, Tubul's. At 127 cm., she is 13 cm. below the IDF's minimum height requirement.

Tubul, from Tel Aviv, yesterday took her problem to the Knesset in a one-woman lobby for the country's small people.

"It's really stupid. Just because I'm small doesn't mean I can be of no use," said Tubul, who came to the Knesset armed with a petition signed by all her high school teachers.

Accompanied by her equally small mother, Tubul approached several MKs and received the full support of the Knesset's women's caucus. Among those who showed particular interest in her case was Dalia Itzik, recently elected chairwoman of the Knesset Education Committee, who rejected size discrimination as a factor in military call-up.

"It's my dream to serve in the army," said Tubul, who is overcoming a natural shyness to cope with media exposure. "I just want to be like everyone else. All my friends are going into the army, and I want to as well."

Ironically, although the army is not prepared to accept Tubul, she was chosen "outstanding soldier" by Gadna, the IDF's youth program, a factor she attributes to having to prove herself.

"I'd like to be an officer, but I'd settle for any job where I could serve," she said. "I'm sure I'd be more use than many regular-sized girls, because I have motivation."

Approval likely soon for east Jerusalem beltway

BILL HUTMAN

APPROVAL is likely soon for the controversial east Jerusalem beltway, delayed for years for political and economic considerations, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said this week.

Olmert indicated the government would give the go-ahead for construction of the road because it was found to fit in well with plans for separation between the Israeli and Palestinian populations.

The highway would permit the thousands of Palestinians who travel daily between areas north and south of Jerusalem through the city center to bypass the city, according to Olmert.

"I have no doubt that the highway will free the center of Jerusalem from the mass of traffic between areas to the north and south," Olmert told a Jerusalem business forum.

The government has hesitated approving the highway until now, because it is expensive and is likely to spark an outcry from Palestinians due to the large-scale development it would entail in eastern Jerusalem and also in the administered territories.

Proposed pipeline to supply treated sewage to Hula Valley

DAVID RUDGE

PLANS are in the pipeline to help clean up the northern reaches of the Jordan River.

The Hula Valley project, which is now in advanced stages of preparation, aims to treat all the sewage from the Kiryat Shmona and Kibbutz Kfar Blum area.

The treated sewage is then to be transferred via a proposed new pipeline to Mekorot's Einan reservoir in the Hula, which supplies irrigation water to Upper Galilee farming settlements.

Currently, sewage from the region is treated at a plant near Kfar Blum and then allowed to flow into the western channel of the Jordan to the Einan reservoir.

The proposed project involves enlarging and improving the existing treatment plant, as well as laying a new pipeline so the treated sewage will no longer flow into the Jordan.

Mekorot has warmly welcomed the proposals, but is demanding that it be responsible for managing the pipeline from the plant to the reservoir.

Avner Turgeman, director of Mekorot's northern division, said incorrect treatment could cause pollution.

ZIONISTS

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discussions of religion with the other streams of Judaism.

Although the substance – religious pluralism – is a passionate issue, the fuss is over procedure. When the original resolution was introduced in the AZM congress, it was immediately followed by a motion to table the vote. The parliamentarian at the congress said that the motion to table would require a two-thirds vote, not a simple majority. The motion to table got a majority, but failed to get two-thirds, and the religious-pluralism resolution then came to the floor and was passed.

According to the draft resolution to be considered on Sunday, the motion to table was "tainted by procedural error" and "shall not be recorded as a resolution adopted."

Even if the AZM's board can calm the Orthodox and yet placate the Reform and Conservative with the new resolution, it still faces another procedural problem. There also is a question about whether the organization's board can take action to supersede a vote of its national assembly.

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Save Lives!

A 19-year-old girl who was born with a kidney malfunction and who has had three operations to allow her to live, requires dialysis three times a week.

Her father recently left his business and took her abroad for a transplant. The doctors are pleased with the results of the operation and hopefully she will be able to live a normal life and get married.

The father, in addition to having left his business, now also has to meet tremendous medical expenses; he has already had two heart attacks and is in an unbearable situation.

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Rabbi Chaim P. Scheinberg, Rosh Hayeshiva Torah-Ore

As one of the doctors who treated this girl for many years, I know how, caring for their daughter with loving devotion, the family has overcome all financial obstacles over the years. I therefore support this request to help them out of their terrible financial straits.
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